

Important Implementation Results of July 2019

Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau,

Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan

1. The amendment of the Rules for Control of Mercury Content in Toxic Chemical Substances was announced on June 5 in response to the UN's Minamata Convention on Mercury. Added to the Rules is the ban on the use of mercury for the production of batteries, switches, relays, fluorescent or neon lights, high-pressure mercury lamps and non-electronic measurement instruments. The ban will start on January 1, 2021, and is aimed at reducing citizens' risk of exposure.
2. The Regulations of Legal Aids for Whistleblowers Who Report Any Violation of Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act were promulgated on July 8.
3. The 2019 International Conference of Toxic Chemical Accident Response was held on July 9 and 10 at the Training Center of the National Fire Agency, Ministry of the Interior. Director General Hsieh of the Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau and Deputy Director General Chiang of the National Fire Agency presented speeches at the opening ceremony, with a total of 385 people in attendance.