

Important Implementation Results of August 2019

Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau

Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan

1. The main event of the “2019 International Chemical and Mercury Management Conference” and the “Master’s Forum: Toxic-Free Environment, Green Community and Sustainable Society” took place at the Evergreen International Convention Center in Taipei City on August 7 and 8. Experts and scholars from around the world (including the ECHA’s Former Executive Director; the Director General of the Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes); the Senior Consultant of the Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI); the Former Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention; the Director of the Stockholm Convention Regional Centre; the Director of International Trade, American Chemistry Council; the Director General of Minamata Environmental Academia, Japan; the Vietnam Chemicals Agency; the Korea Chemicals Management Association (KCMA); and experts from Indonesia) were invited to Taiwan to, with respect to toxic-free and green sustainability goals, share their ideas and experiences on chemical substance management policy and implementation measures. To convey our policy and concepts, the Minister of the EPA was invited to give a speech, and the Bureau’s Director-General held a press conference. A report on the event outcomes was printed in an English-language international media publication, “The Epoch Times” (published in New York, USA), providing some international exposure.
2. From August 12 to 16, “HAZMAT (Hazardous Material Incidents) First Responder Operations (FRO) Training for Students from South and East Asian Countries” was held at the National Yunlin University of Science and Technology (YunTech) in Yunlin County, Taiwan. Students from Southeast Asia, including some already studying in Taiwan, were invited to participate in the training.
3. On August 29, a preannounced draft of the “Regulations for Calculating and Estimating Illegal Gains from Violating the Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act” was deliberated by the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA), in response to amendments to the *Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act* (hereinafter referred to as the Toxic Control Act), made on January 16, 2019. In the draft regulations, the EPA announced a new rule, where entities that make gains by violating the Toxic Control Act would be imposed with a fine and illegal gains would be pursued. The said rules will be used as a basis for the competent authority to calculate and estimate the said illegal gains.