

Major Performance of the Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan in July, 2020 (Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau)

- I. On July 3, the "Regulations Governing the Use of Toxic Chemical Substances by Academic Institutions" was revised and issued in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, and the name of it was revised to "Regulations Governing the Use of Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances by Academic Institutions."
- II. The "National Chemical Substance Management Action Plan (Draft) Research Conference" was held on July 14. A total of 23 government agencies were invited, including the Office of Homeland Security of Executive Yuan, Ministry of the Interior (National Fire Agency; Architectural and Building Research Institute), Customs Administration of Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economic Affairs (Department of Commerce, the Central Region Office, Industrial Development Bureau, Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, the Bureau of Foreign Trade), the Ministry of Labor (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), Council of Agriculture of the Executive Yuan (Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Chemicals and Toxic Substances Research Institute, Agriculture and Food Agency), Ministry of Health and Welfare, Ocean Affairs Council (Ocean Conservation Administration) and Environmental Protection Administration (Department of Environmental Monitoring and Information Management, Department of Waste Management, Department of Environmental Analysis and Environmental Professionals Training Institute.) Thirty-eight attendees coordinated to revise the "National Chemical Substance Management Action Plan (Draft)" accordingly to promote inter-ministerial cooperation in chemical substance management at in Taiwan.
- III. On July 20, a press conference on "Inter-Ministerial Cooperation on Prevention of Abusing the First Concerned Chemical Substance Nitrous Oxide" was held to explain the relevant management measures and the monitoring period of nitrous oxide (laughing gas). On July 21, the draft of the "Categories and Management of Handling of Concerned Chemical Substance" was drawn up. Announcement that nitrous oxide (laughing gas) was listed as one of the concerned chemical substances was made at the draft research conference on July 29 to seek the advice and opinions of others.