

Achievements of the Environmental Protection Administration, the Executive Yuan in October 2020 (Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau)

1. On October 12, the *National Chemical Substance Management Action Plan* was sent to all ministries and committees to request assistance in its continuous promotion. This action plan has undergone much inter-ministerial coordination and communication. According to the framework of the *National Chemical Substance Management Policy Guiding Principles*, 101 specific implementation measures and division of labor have been developed and formulated as an important basis for promoting the management of chemical substances in Taiwan.
2. On October 16, the TCSB and the New Taipei City Government conducted a chemical disaster rescue and emergency response exercise in Linkou District, New Taipei City. During the exercise, a toxic chemical substance disaster cell broadcast service message (referred to as the toxic disaster alert) was sent to the public's mobile phones. Through the transmission of the toxic disaster alert, the public can instantly be informed of the hazard they may face at their locations, reducing the possible adverse health effects of toxic disaster incidents.
3. On October 30, nitrous oxide was announced as the first listed chemical substance of concern, and joint inter-ministerial control with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and the police authorities will be implemented. Companies will be required to obtain approval and register operating data to manufacture, import, sell, use, and store it. Its trading on online shopping platforms will be prohibited as well. A press conference was held to explain the matter to the public.