

Major Administrative Actions of the Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau, Environmental Protection

Administration, Executive Yuan, in August 2021

1. Hosted by the President of the Executive Yuan, Su Tseng-chang, the 1st “National Chemical Substances Management Meeting” was held on 20 August 2021. The EPA delivered reports on the “Prevention of Nitrous Oxide Abuse: Inter-ministerial Collaboration and Management” and “From the Beirut Ammonium Nitrate Explosion Incident to the Enhancement of Disaster Prevention and Rescue Information”. President Su emphasized the importance of establishing a chemical substances management mechanism to prevent incidents caused by the mismanagement of chemical substances.
2. Amendments to “Categories and Management of Handling for Concerned Chemical Substances” were publicly announced on August 20. A press release was issued accordingly to explain the amendments, which have added ammonium nitrate and hydrogen fluoride to the list of hazardous chemical substances of concern.
3. On August 3, the first session of “Professional Responder Trainings for Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substance Disasters” was taken place in Southern Emergency Response Training Center for Toxic Substances at National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology. Throughout August, Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau (TCSB) totally held ten sessions of this training and Deputy Director General of TCSB was invited to lecture on regulations of toxic and concerned chemical substances. It is expected to hold this training continually in the future in order to strengthen our country’s

toxic and chemical incident response capacity.