## Chemicals Administration, Ministry of Environment Major Policy Implementations in November 2024

- 1. On November 5-6, the Chemicals Administration and the Ministry of the Interior's National Fire Agency jointly organized a training camp for the improvement of chemical disaster rescue capabilities in ports and harbors. The camp invited police, fire departments, transportation, marine conservation, environmental authorities, and state-owned enterprises to collectively learn skills related to chemical disaster rescue in ports and harbors, to improve hazard assessment and safe operation planning capabilities of frontline chemical disaster responders.
- 2. On November 12, the Chemicals Administration held the second meeting of the multilateral communication platform for improving the management of household pesticides regarding rodents control in 2024 to present the research results of the management of household rodenticides. Through discussions among the industry, government, and the public, the consensus on the management of household rodenticides has been consolidated as follows: reducing the risk of the use of household rodenticides, and realizing the purpose of safeguarding human health and protecting the environment.
- 3. On November 13, the Chemicals Administration attended the "Consultation Meeting on the Management Mechanism of Toxic Chemical Substances in Factories" chaired by Mr. Chin-Te Chen, Minister without Portfolio. The aim is to strengthen horizontal coordination and integration among various departments and offices of local governments, and to urge local governments to establish a "Hazardous Chemical Substance Management and Disaster Response Board."

- 4. On November 20, the Chemicals Administration attended the "Narcotics Deliberation Mechanism Project Meeting" chaired by Mr. Min-Hsin Lin, Minister without Portfolio. If a chemical substance possesses narcotic properties, is assessed to have regulatory needs, and has industrial use, the Ministry of Justice shall first review the information provided by various ministries and agencies, comprehensively review the regulatory needs, and put forward a management proposal before submitting the proposal to the Executive Yuan to designate the responsible managing authorities.
- 5. On November 20, the Administration conducted the "Taiwan-U.S. International Environmental PFAS Technical Exchange Meeting," inviting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency personnel to give a lecture on the U.S. PFAS Strategic Roadmap. The meeting was presided over by Deputy Director General Hui-Chen Chien, with 75 participants from PFAS management action plan-related ministries and agencies, the Ministry of Environment, as well as the National Environmental Research Academy.
- 6. On November 26, the Chemicals Administration announced the draft amendment to "Categories and Management of Handling for Concerned Chemical Substances." The chemical substance "N'-*tert*-butyl-N-cyclopropyl-6-(methylthio)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine (Cybutryne)" would be designated as a concerned chemical substance, with control concentration standard and specified handling established to align with international management trends.