

# Regulations Governing Recordkeeping for the Handling and Release of Toxic Chemical Substances Amended

To improve the quality and accuracy of data on volumes of toxic chemical substances released, the EPA has amended the *Regulations Governing Recordkeeping for the Handling and Release of Toxic Chemical Substances*. The amendments state that, henceforth, release volumes for announced toxic chemical substances should be calculated according to stated calculation guidelines.

The main points of the amendments are as follows:

1. To improve the quality and accuracy of toxic chemical substance data, the deadline for reporting release volumes for the previous year has been changed from 10 January every year to 31 January.
2. To ensure that the affected enterprises employ the same calculation methods so that reported release volumes of toxic chemical substances will be in line with the actual volumes released, the amendments stipulate the calculation guidelines. All affected enterprises should henceforth refer to these guidelines. After taking into account the testing technologies for different chemicals, the central competent authority has decided to announce the toxic chemical substances in batches. For toxic chemicals that have not yet been announced as such by the central competent authority, their release volume calculation method remains as stated in Article 7 Paragraph 1 of the Regulations.

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