

Regulation Draft for Toxic Chemical Substances Management Specialists Preannounced

To improve the training and management of toxic chemical substances professional technical management personnel and strengthen related regulations, on 15 February 2016, the EPA preannounced a draft of the Regulations Governing the Employment and Management of Toxic Chemical Substances Professional Technical Management Personnel.

The management of toxic chemical substances professional technical management personnel currently falls under the scope of the *Toxic Chemical Substance Control Act*. Matters related to their employment, qualifications, training, certification, and suspension or revocation of the certificates, among others are currently regulated by the *Regulations Governing the Employment and Management of Dedicated Environmental Protection Units or Personnel*.

However, all matters in common to dedicated environmental personnel governing training, certificate issuing and revoking have been integrated into a new set of regulations currently being drafted: the *Regulations Governing the Employment and Management of Dedicated Environmental Personnel or Professional Technicians*. Once such personnel have obtained their certificates, however, their employment and management are subject to various environmental regulations based upon the pollution control characteristics and management needs. Therefore, the EPA has drafted the *Regulations Governing the Employment and Management of Toxic Chemical Substances Professional Technical Management Personnel*. The current *Regulations Governing the Employment and Management of Dedicated Environmental Protection Units or Personnel* will be annulled once the new regulations are announced.

The ten articles of the new regulations for toxic chemical substances professional technical management personnel cover personnel numbers and ranks, duties, qualifications for substitute personnel, changes in placement, resignation or transfer, full time residence and restrictions on holding other positions, pre-assignment and on-the-job training.

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