

Global Environmental Change and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

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In this paper, I try to summarize the outline of the actual enforcement of a policy related to the global warming and environmental problems of our Ministry, and to provide a brief discussion about the world environments. The first of all, we should be done to approach the global warming in accordance with the Kyoto Declaration. The second is the global explosion of the chemical pollution. The last is the so-called eco-business.

The summary of importance I report is outlined below:

Act on Confirmation of Release Amounts of Specific Chemical Substances in the Environment and Promotion of Improvements to the Management Thereof

Results of report on amount of fluorocarbons destroyed pursuant to the Law for Ensuring the Implementation of Recovery and Destruction of Fluorocarbons concerning Specified Products in FY 2005

Launch of the "Japan Challenge Program" (Program for Gathering and Disseminating Safety Information on Existing Chemical Substances) and opening of applications for sponsors to collect information on safety of high-priority substances

Outline of the Japan HPV Challenge Program (A Joint program among the private and the public sectors for collecting and releasing safety information of Japan HPV existing chemical substances.

Measures to Cope with By-product Hexachlorobenzene under the Chemical Substances Control Law

"Report on BAT Levels concerning By-product HCB in TCPA and Solvent Red 135"

"Report on BAT Levels concerning By-product HCB in Other Pigments Derived from TCPA and Phthalocyanine Pigments"

Law Concerning the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc.

Revision of the Cabinet Order of the Law Concerning the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc.

Execution Status of Law Concerning the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Manufacture, etc.

Comments by the Government of Japan on the draft consultation document concerning the new chemical legislation - the REACH system

Future Policy Direction in Japan concerning Evaluation and Regulation of Chemical Substances

Declaration of Commitment to Development of an Eco-Oriented Nation

Perspectives on Environmentally Sound Corporate Management and Environmental Businesses

Risk Assessment of Endocrine Disrupters

Preliminary Proposal for the International Standardization of Material Flow-Based Environmental Management Accounting for ISO TC 207