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Chapter I GENERAL PROVISION

Article 1 (OBJECTIVE)

The current Measures aim to control environmental risk of new chemical substances, to ensure the public health and to protect the environment.

Article 2 (APPLICABILITY)

The current Measures are applicable to environmental management of the activities in relation to the manufacture, import, processing and use of new chemical substances within the territory of the People's Republic of China.

The management of pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicine, cosmetics, food additive and feed additive shall comply with relevant laws and regulations. However, environmental risk management for raw materials and intermediates used for the production of the aforementioned products shall comply with the current Measures.

Article 3 (DEFINITIONS AND INVENTORY)

'New chemical substances' mentioned in the current Measures refer to chemical substances that are not listed in the Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances.

The Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances is established, adjusted and published by the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Article 4 (GENERAL MANAGEMENT POLICY)

The State shall implement the policy of prevention at the sources, classified management and follow-up control in terms of the management of environmental risks of new chemical substances.

In accordance with intrinsic hazard characteristics and degree of exposure, new chemical substances are classified into general chemical substances, hazardous chemical substances and chemical substances with environmental concern.