

Proposed Amendment to the Labor Safety and Health Act

By the Council of Labor Affairs

Article 10

Employers shall label, prepare lists and release safety data sheet of hazardous chemicals, and take the necessary general hazard communication measures.

Manufacturers, importers or suppliers shall label and provide safety data sheet prior to providing chemicals mentioned in the preceding paragraph to business units and self-employed persons, which shall also apply to changes of the information.

In cases where the information of chemicals mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, such as ingredients, content, manufacturer, importer or supplier, etc., involves confidential business information, an application for exemption to labelling or information disclosure may be made to the competent authority of the central government. Nevertheless, where emergent circumstances arise or for purpose of protecting the safety and health of workers, employers shall provide emergency medical services, emergency response, or relevant specific personnel for carrying out safety and health tasks.

The scope, labelling, general measures, application procedures, provision of confidential business information and other obligations to be followed regarding the chemical substances mentioned in the preceding three paragraphs shall be established by the competent authority of the central government.

Article 13

Manufacturers or importers shall not manufacture or import new chemicals that are not listed in the chemical inventory maintained by the competent authority of the central government before submitting hazard and workers' risk assessment report to the competent authority of the central government and obtaining approval after registration. Any such matters governed by other laws or promulgated by the competent authority of the central government are not subject to these prescribed requirements.

For the purpose of preventing damages to worker's safety and health, hazard and risk assessment report mentioned in the preceding paragraph may be disclosed after the interview by the competent authority of the central government. Announcement of chemicals list, registration of new chemicals, report content, review procedures, information disclosure and other matters to be followed shall be established by the competent authority of the central government.

Article 14

Manufacturers, importers, suppliers or employers shall not manufacture, import, supply or provide workers to handle controlled chemicals designated by the competent authority of the central government. Any such matters permitted by competent authority of the central government are not subject to these requirements.

Manufacturers, importers, suppliers or employers shall submit relevant operation data of prioritized chemicals designated by the competent authority of the central government for record.

Designation, permit conditions and duration, abolishment or revocation of permit for chemicals mentioned in the preceding two paragraphs as well as other matters to be followed shall be established by the competent authority of the central government.