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Annual Summary Report 2022

Vietnam

Background

The central chemical law in Vietnam is the **Law on Chemicals** which was issued in 2007. The Law on Chemicals provides regulations on chemical handling, safety issues, rights and obligations of stakeholders involved in the chemical industry and handling, as well as regulations for the responsible organizations managing the chemical industry.

This report gives a summary on news updates regarding the Law on Chemicals in 2022.

Key news from 2022

New domestic chemical industry development strategy for 2030

A new development strategy for the domestic chemical industry was approved on 16 June 2022. As stated in the strategy, by 2030, Vietnam aims to achieve sustainable growth and circular economy of its chemical industry. The strategy also suggested dividing the chemical industry into 10 sub-categories so that they can easily focus on their own goals.

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Second draft on POPs thresholds limits

The second draft of the National Technical Regulation on the threshold limits of POPs was published and is expected to come into effect on 1 January 2023. According to the second draft, a testing organization and certificates from the government are required. Also, the ether limits for plastic and plastic details in electrical and electronic equipment were removed, while ether limits for vehicle parts were added.

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A circular draft on how to differentiate types of alcohol

A circular draft on discerning the differences between food-grade and industrial alcohol to prevent false consumption was published. This circular suggested to have more requirements on industrial alcohol by adding the coloring and flavoring agents. The information on the added coloring and flavoring agents should be included in the primary label as well as in the safety data sheet.

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Decree 113/2017/ND-CP and the Law on Chemicals

A new Decree 82/2022/ND-CP that amends articles in decree 113/2017/ND-CP and the Law on Chemicals was published and came into effect on 22 December 2022. The new Decree includes an updated process of declaration and custom clearance via the National Single Window Portal and an updated chemical inventory.

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New circular 17/2022/TT-BCT published and enforced

A new circular 17/2022/TT-BCT that amends and supplements articles of Decree 113 was published and came into effect on 22 December 2022.

The new Circular includes changes in the classification and labelling of chemicals, an updated deadline to submit the annual chemical report via the National Chemical Database systems, and new reporting formats for activity and incident prevention/response plans.

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Key dates

Vietnam had a public consultation on the proposal of amending the Law on Chemicals. According to the proposal, the authority will develop a draft and present at the 8th session of the XV National Assembly in October 2024.

If the Law goes as planned, it can be approved in May 2025.



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