

Revision of the “Order for Enforcement of the Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc.”

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1. Background

At the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in 2019, “dicofol”, “perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts” and “PFOA-related compounds” came under its scope for elimination. Based on the decisions, “2,2,2-trichloro-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (also known as *o,p'*-Dicofol)” and “perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or its salts” will be designated as Class I Specified Chemical Substances under the Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc. (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) to prohibit their manufacture, import and use. Also, the Act will expand its scope of import restrictions to some products in which each material is used.

In addition, this revision of the Act does not include the designation of PFOA-related compounds as Class I Specified Chemical Substances.

The other isomers of Dicofol, 2,2,2-trichloro-1,1-bis (4-chlorophenyl) ethanol (also known as *p,p'*-Dicofol), has been already designated as Class I specified Chemical Substances under the Act in 2005. (Refer to G/TBT/N/JPN/139).

<Chemical Substances to be designated as Class I Specified Chemical Substances under the Act>

2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (also known as <i>o,p'</i> -Dicofol)

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or its salts
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<Products to be banned to import, in which “perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or its salts” are used>

Water-resistant paper and oil-resistant paper

Water-repellent textiles and oil-repellent textiles

Cleaning agents

Anti-reflection agents used in the manufacture of semiconductors
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Paints and varnish

Water repellent and oil repellent

Adhesives and sealing fillers

Fire extinguishers, fire-extinguishing agents, and fire-extinguishing foam
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Toners

Water-resistant clothes and oil-resistant clothes

Water-repellent floor coverings and oil-repellent floor coverings

Floor waxes

Photographic paper

2. Purpose

In order to prevent environmental pollution by the chemical substances that could pose a risk of impairing human health or of interfering with the population and/or growth of flora and fauna.

3. The expected date of enforcement

Revision of the “Order for Enforcement of the Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc.” will enter into force in October 2021.