ACTIONABLE SUMMARY CHINA MEE ORDER No.12

INTRODUCTION

On the 1st of January 2021, China enforced its new regulation on the management of chemicals – *Measures for the Environmental Management and Registration of New Chemical Substance* (MEE Order No.12). With the effect of this regulation, the previous regulation of MEP No.7 was appealed. Under this regulation, manufacturers /importers of those who want to research, produce, import or process new chemical substances within the territory of China have to register before carrying out their activities.

REGISTRATION TYPES

The registration procedures are divided into three types according to tonnage band:

Record filing	 Quantity below or equal to 1t/y
	• 2% polymer & PLC
Simplified Registration	Quantity between 1t/y and 10t/y
Regular Registration	Quantity above 10 t/y
	 New Use Management

Additionally, Joint Registration and Series Registration is allowed. But Repeat Registration which is allowed under MEP Order No.7 was cancelled.

Registration Types	Document requirement
Record Filing	 Application form Business license, POA (overseas applicants), authorization letter Documents regarding the necessity of CBI protection Other in-hand information (test data, literature, known risk, etc.)
Simplified Registration	 Commitment letter Supporting documents for testing institutions Physical & chemical data Eco-toxicological data
Regular Registration	 Toxicological data Environmental risk assessment report (CSR report) Socio-economic Benefits analysis report (Highly hazardous chemical substances)



KEY TERMS

Agent

Foreign applicant has to appoint a Chinese Agent to help them to finish the registration.

IECSC

IECSC is the official inventory maintained by the Ministry of Environment and Ecology of China (MEE). Currently, it contains 46,192 chemical substances.

Confidential Information

The Chinese Inventory is divided into two parts. For the public part, every can access it for free. While regarding the confidential part, a formal enquiry has to be provided and it costs 3,000 RMB.

New Use Management

Existing chemicals are exempted from registration obligation. But for those chemicals which is listed in the Inventory with specified purpose, it has to be notified when it has new use other than the one listed.

Joint Registration

For the same substance, different applicants can bring their applications together. For oversea applicants, they have to appoint the same agent.

Series Registration

For every single applicant, it can bring no more than 6 similar chemicals to register at the same time.



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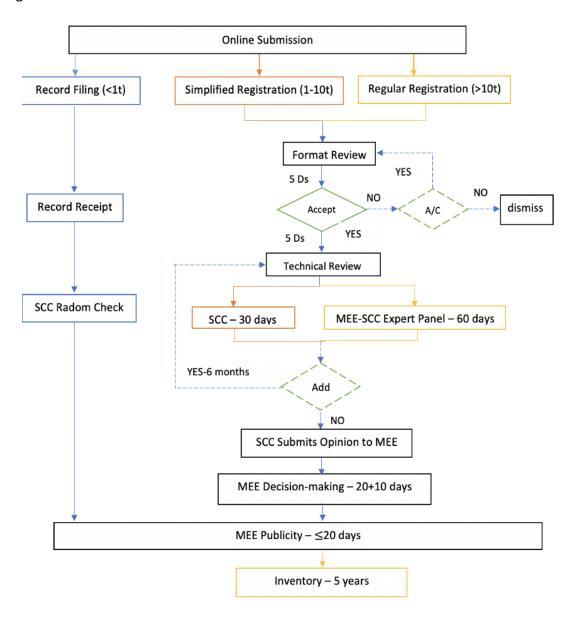
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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Once the dossier is prepared, applicants should submit their application to China MEE. Then MEE will conduct the following examination.



POST REGISTRATION OBLIGATIONS

- **1.** Information communication
- 2. Data preservation
- 3. Information disclosure
- 4. Activity report
 - a. First activity report
 - b. Annual report
- New hazardous information and environmental risk

LEGAL LIABILITIES

Upon failure to comply with relevant requirements, punishments may be imposed:

Monetary punishment

The fine can amount to 30, 000RMB.

Behavioral punishment

This can be in the form of joint punishment on dishonest (loss in social credits) and not accepting application up to 3 years.

Disqualification

This is normally imposed on members of expert panel and testing institutions