

# Revision of the Order for Enforcement of the Act on the Regulation of Manufacture and Evaluation of Chemical Substances

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## 1. Summary

### <Detailed objective and rationale>

Poly (oxyethylene)-alkyl phenyl ether (where the alkyl consists of 9 carbon atoms, hereinafter referred to as “NPE”) was determined to be a chemical substance that undergoes a chemical transformation through natural processes, in which the chemical substances generated pose a risk of interfering with the inhabitation and/or growth of flora and fauna in the living environment, if the flora and fauna continuously take in or are exposed to the relevant chemical substances. It was also determined to be a chemical substance that poses a risk of causing damage to the inhabitation and/or growth of flora and fauna in the living environment due to a considerable amount of the chemical substance remaining in the environment over a substantially extensive area in view of its properties and manufacture, import, use, etc.

In order to prevent the risk of damage to the inhabitation and/or growth of flora and fauna in the living environment posed by the chemical substances generated by the chemical transformation through natural processes of NPE, relevant measures will be taken under the Act on the Regulation of Manufacture and Evaluation of Chemical Substances (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”).

### <Measure Details>

The Act will additionally designate NPE as a class II specified chemical substance as defined in Article 2, Paragraph 3 of the Act.

Based on Article 35, paragraph 1 and 6 of the Act, a person who manufactures or imports NPE shall notify the planned quantity of NPE to be manufactured or imported and the quantity of NPE manufactured or imported in the preceding fiscal year.

Based on Article 36, paragraph 1 and Article 37, paragraph 1 of the Act, business operators handling NPE and NPE-added water-based cleaning agents shall take measures under the technical guidelines and shall implement labeling on containers, packaging, etc., with respect to the measures to prevent environmental pollution.

## 2. Purpose

In order to prevent environmental pollution caused by chemical substances that pose a risk of interfering with the inhabitation and/or growth of flora and fauna.

3. The expected date of enforcement

April 2025