

Product Safety Initiatives



We comply strictly with the chemical laws and regulations of Japan and the other countries in which we operate. Our stewardship of chemical substances encompasses health, safety, and environmental perspectives. We carefully manage the distribution of chemical substances and extensively disclose safety information about our chemical products.

Complying with Chemical Substances Laws and Regulations

We are digitizing our systems to handle chemical substances laws and regulations. As well, we have constructed a domestic and overseas compliance structure that encompasses an SDS*1 production support system; in-house-developed chemical safety information; and U-CHRIP, a comprehensive database for managing safety and regulatory information about chemical substances. We accordingly seek to replace manual processes and a reliance on individual skills in handling compliance.

The electrical and electronic device and automotive sectors are leading the way in green procurement*2, and as a supplier of raw and other materials we carefully monitor our offerings for harmful substances.

Stepping Up Chemicals Management

We supply local-language versions of SDSs and product labels for all products, complying with regulations in Europe, the United States, and around Asia to ensure the safe use of chemical products throughout the supply chain, and maintain websites for key product SDSs. We also extensively supply safety information for testing and research applications, and have secured safe R&D environments at universities and other research institutions.

Our sales and technical personnel obtain hazardous substances information on products through our SDS database to get handling and disposal information that they convey as needed to customers.

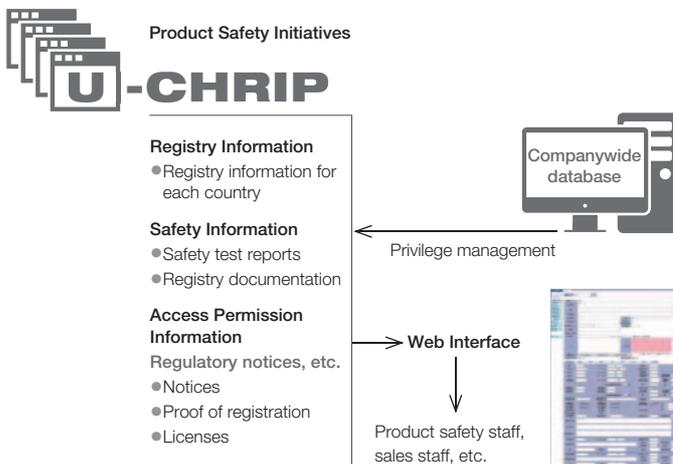
Extensively Disclosing Safety Information

We have amassed and extensively share safety information about our products, taking part in a program of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) and the Japan Challenge Program. Since fiscal 2011, we have participated in the Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA)'s voluntary chemical substance risk management activities while gathering and disseminating hazard information*3 and risk assessments.

We participate in the ICCA's voluntary Long-Range Research Initiative, which focuses on the effects of chemical substances on human health and the environment. We thereby support research at universities and other research institutions that includes developing new risk assessment methods and studying the safety of chemical substances for infants and the elderly.

Transportation Safety

We ensure the safe distribution of chemical substances by preparing information that transportation companies and their drivers can use in the unlikely event of an accident and by endeavoring to prevent such incidents and improve distribution quality.



U-CHRIP: UBE-Chemical Regulation Information Platform

Glossary

*1 Safety Data Sheet (SDS): Documentation containing hazard and toxicity information about chemical substances that manufacturers disclose when supplying chemical substances and products incorporating them.

*2 Green procurement: Corporate purchases of raw materials, parts, and manufacturing facilities with minimal environmental footprints.

*3 Hazard information: Information on the inherent risks of chemical substances.