

The report on hosting the 6th Meeting of OECD Task Force Meeting on Exposure Assessment

Chemical Management Center,
NITE(National Institute of Technology and Evaluation)

1. Date and Venue

<Date> 8:30-18:30, 4 (Thu)-5(Fri) September, 2014

<Venue> NITE square,

An organizer and secretariat of the meeting was OECD;
Chemical Management Center, NITE was a host of the meeting.

2. Participants/Attendants

Around 50 people

- The participants from 11 OECD member countries, EU (European Union), BIAC (Business and Industry Advisory Committee), OECD Secretariat and
- The experts from Japanese ministries/agencies concerned

Details on participants :

11 OECD member countries - Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Sweden, USAs, EU (ECHA), BIAC, OECD secretariat

The Japanese parties concerned :

MHLW, METI, MOE, JNIOOSH, NIES, AIST, JCIA and the members, and NITE

3. Main Topics

From a viewpoint of providing technical guidance on exposure assessment, there were following discussions by governmental policy makers, technical experts, researchers, etc. at the meeting.

- Drafting ESDs (Emission Scenario Documents) for each specific industries and/or use of chemicals,
- International harmonization on use categories,
- Development of the databases on exposure and/or risk assessments,
- Development of an reporting format, so called an "OECD harmonized template", on environmental, occupational, and/or consumer exposures,
- Assessment on occupational exposures
- Project on Children's Health
- Combined exposure to multiple chemicals

At the meeting, NITE reported the progress and future plan on the "Matrix project" which compares the use categories in ESDs(*1) with the ones in SpERCs (Specific Environmental Release Categories)(*2), and which also check the duplication and missing of their coverage. The report was discussed among TF(Task Force) members.

Additionally, many member countries introduced their activities related to exposures on consumer products and actively exchanged their views on them.

(*1) made by member countries (USA leading)

(*2) voluntarily made by European Industrial associations in response to REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals)

4. Outcome and Future major schedule

There were active discussions and exchanges of the views over 2 days. The draft 'Harmonized Template' above mentioned and so on were approved, and the matrix project led by NITE was recognized a continuous corporation on the future work by a number of TF members. A part of the result on the TF's discussion will be reported and requested the endorsement at the 52nd OECD Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology joint meeting held in November.

In addition, a Bureau member changed in order of the termination of a term and the remain three members from the USA and Netherlands were continuously agreed to be designated by the TF.

Next meeting will be held in June, 2015.



←A welcome address by the host country, NITE, Japan



A meeting scene →



← A group photo of the TF meeting