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***REPORT ON LEGAL FRAMEWORKS OF
ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS
OF
SEAI SI MEMBER COUNTRIES****

prepared by

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Report on Legal Frameworks of Environmental Standards of SEAISI Member Countries

Environmental standards (taken from questionnaires given to SEAISI contact persons and selected member companies in each country) of all member countries were collected before the first meeting of the committee (Annex 1).

The collected data was summarized in the form of a table and presented at the 2nd meeting (Annex 2).

In addition to the data on legal standards, the frameworks of environmental regulation of several member countries have been submitted.

To date, legal frameworks of 8 countries, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Taiwan, Australia and Korea have been collected.

The main structure of most legal frameworks collected here consists of :

- declaration of environmental policy
- construction and organization of administration
- power and functions of administration
- duties and responsibilities of businesses, individuals, communities and governments
- rights and duties of citizens
- emission standards for hazardous substances and toxic waste related to living environments and human health
- solid waste disposal and noise control guidelines
- prohibited acts and penalties
- principle of pollution prevention and polluter accountability
- principle of report, registration, permission and remediation
- marine pollution control
- radiation protection
- investigation duties on environmental pollution of government
- governmental duties on dissemination of knowledge and information on environmental preservation
- promotion of environmental science and technology
- installation and management of pollution prevention facilities
- duties of preparation of statements of environmental impact
- mediation of disputes and relief of damage

There is no country in which the legal framework integrates the idea of sustainable development as a means to keep the balance between the environment and the economy.

Environmental regulation must state that the activities of business, individuals, communities and government must be consistent with the philosophy of sustainable development.

Most of the legal frameworks studied here do not clear the following items:

- local emission standards to meet the international level
- governmental parties must clearly define their responsibilities for protection and demolition of the ecological system
- definition of responsibility for non-point source pollution
- legal system for pursuing the source of pollution
- import/export ban regulation for environmentally harmful articles

The following new concepts and strategies may be integrated in future frameworks of environmental legislation to attain sustainable development.

- adoption of the philosophy of zero discharge for the control of toxic substances
- adoption of clean production technology for preventing pollution prior its generation
- long term monitoring of effluents and discharges
- virtual elimination of non-conventional toxic substances
- adoption of limits on emission parameters based on the BAT(Best Available Technology)
- need for risk assessment
- adoption of total loading control of pollutants
- legal system for environmental auditing

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1. Legal Framework

- Environmental related acts in Korea

Acts	Principal Contents	Establishment	Relation to Iron & Steel Work	Remarks
Basic Environmental Policy Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Environmental preservation planning · Legislative and financial activities · Preservation of natural environment · Environmental impact assessment · Mediation of dispute 	'90.8.1	0	highest position
Environmental Pollution Damage Dispute Adjustment Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Committee for environmental pollution damage dispute adjustment · Negotiation of dispute 	'90.8.1	0	
Atmospheric Environment Preservation Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Emission regulation of air pollutants from industry, living environment and automobiles · Air pollution control business 	'90.8.1.	0	
Water Environment Preservation Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Effluent regulation of wastewater · Final wastewater treatment plant · Water quality preservation of public water-way and specific lakes and marshes · Water pollution control business 	'90.8.1	0	
Noise & Vibration Regulation Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Regulation for noise and vibration from industrial plant, construction, traffic, living activities and airplane 	'90.8.1	0	

Acts	Principal Contents	Establishment	Relation to iron & Steel Work	Remarks
Noxious Chemical Substance Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Toxicity test of chemical substances · Registration of hazardous material business · Management of hazardous material 	'90.8.1	0	
Waste Control Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Regulation of waste treatment · Waste generation restraint and recycling · Guidance and supervision of waste treatment business 	'86.12.31 '91.3.8 amendment	0	
Synthetic Resin Waste Disposal Business Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Korea Resource Recovery Corp. Expenditure charging 	'79.12.28 '91.3.8 amendment	X	
Act Relating to Treatment of Sewage, Excreta and Livestock Wastewater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Regulation on treatment of sewage, excreta, and livestock wastewater · Permission of excreta related business 	'91.3.8	△	
Marine Pollution Control Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Regulation of oil and waste from ship and marine facility · Activity for marine pollution preservation 	'77.12.31 '91.3.8 amendment	0	
Act of Control on the Production, etc. of Specified Substance for the Protection of Ozone Layer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Regulation on manufacture and use of specified substances 	'91.1.14	X	
Special Measure Act Relating to Punishment of Environmental Offence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Punishment regulation on activities which cause hazardous effects on human health 	'91.5.31	△	

2. Basic Criteria of Environmental Regulations

- In case of water pollution, the basic scientific criteria of the regulation limit can be helpful for the comparison of the data
- In case of air pollution, the regulation method is based on facility, region and fuel. In some countries, it is not specified.

Pollutant	Individual Facility is Regulated	Regulated in Regional Basis	Regulated in Regional Basis	Not Specified
SO _x	Korea Singapore Malaysia Thailand Australia	Japan	Taiwan	Indonesia Philippines
NO _x	Korea Japan Singapore Malaysia Thailand		Japan Taiwan	Taiwan ¹⁾ Indonesia Australia Philippines
Dust	Korea Japan Malaysia Thailand Australia		Japan Thailand	Taiwan ²⁾ Singapore Indonesia

- 1) Taiwan differently regulates NO_x in exist and new facilities.
 2) Taiwan regulates dust in the basis of facility capacity.

3. Comparison of Standards of Each Countries

3.1. Water Pollution

(1) Basic items : COD, BOD, SS, TDS, pH, temperature, n-hexane, color, coliform

- Thailand, Australia : regulate only BOD instead of COD
- TDS : is regulated only in Singapore and Indonesia
- Color : in Korea and Singapore
- Coliform : in Korea, Japan and Australia
- Taiwan, Korea : pre-notified the standards (to '98 and '96)

(2) Anions and/or its compounds

- Australia : on the whole, has ten times stricter regulation than other countries
- Cl^- , SO_4^{2-} , S^{2-} : don't regulate these items in most countries
 - > if these pollutants are in wastewater, then it is impossible to recycle wastewater because these pollutants are very corrosive
- NH_3 , NO_2^- , NO_3^{2-} , PO_4^{3-} : are regulated only in Japan, Taiwan, Indonesia and Australia
 - > will be regulated in the region that nitrification may be occurred
- CN^- : in all countries

(3) Metals (Cations)

- Regulations of Thailand and Australia are stricter than other countries
 - 2-10 times
 - Pb and Mn : 20-200 times stricter in Australia
- Ba, Be, Ca, Mg : only in Singapore

(4) Toxic organic pollutants

- Organic phosphorus : only in Korea, Japan and Taiwan
- TCE(trichloroethylene), PCE(perchloroethylene)
 - only in Korea, Japan and Malaysia
 - will be regulated in other countries soon
 - may be discharged from rolling process of iron & steel works (cleaning agent)

3.2. Air Pollution

(1) Gaseous pollutants

- NH₃ : much more strictly regulated in Thailand and Indonesia than Korea and Philippines
- CS₂, formaldehyde : more strictly regulated in Korea than Philippines
- HCN, Br, bezene, phenol : only in Korea and Japan
- HCl, Cl₂ : most strictly regulated in Korea

(2) Particulates

- In metals, Cr, Ni and Zn are regulated in a few countries while Cd and Pb are regulated in all countries
- Fugitive dust : only in Korea and Taiwan
- Smoke : 1° in Taiwan, Malaysia and Australia
2° in Korea, Singapore and Thailand
not regulated in Japan, Indonesia and Philippines

= We have to prepare for CO₂ regulation.

CO₂ primary sources in iron & steel works

- coke plant
- blast furnace
- power plant

1. Water Pollution

Pollutants (unit)	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Korea	Japan	Taiwan	Singapore	Malaysia	Thailand	Indonesia	Australia
COD (mg/L)	100	100*(160)**	200	100	100		300	
BOD (")	100	100 (160)	100	50	50	20 - 60	150	20
SS (")	100	100 (160)	100	50	100	30(DR***=1/8-1/150) 60(DR=1/151-1/300) 100(DR=1/301-1/500)		
TDS (")				2000			400	
pH	5.8 - 8.6	5.8 - 8.6	6.0 - 9.0	6.0 - 9.0	5.5 - 9.0	5.0 - 9.0	6.0-9.0	6.5 - 8.5
Temperature(°C)	40	40	35	45	40	40	40	
n-Hexane Extract (mg/L)				10 (grease & oil)		5 (grease & oil)		
• Mineral oil	5	5	10		10			
• Others	30	30	30					
Phenol (")	5	5	5	0.2	1.0	1.0	1	0.001
Cyanide (")	1	1	1	0.1	0.10	0.2		0.05
Fluoride (")	15	15	15				3	1.5
Chloride (")				6(X)				250
Free Chlorine (")				1	2.0		2	

* Data submitted by Kawasaki Steel

** Data submitted by the Japan Iron and Steel Federation

Pollutants (unit)	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Korea	Japan	T. iwan	Singapore	Malaysia	Thailand	Indonesia	Australia
Sulfate (mg/L)				500				250
Sulfide (")				0.2(as sulfur)	0.5		0.1	
Organic P (")	1	1						
PCB (")	0.003	0.003						
Color (degree)	300			7 Lovibond				
Coliform (No./mL)	3000	3000						2
Total Cr (mg/L)	2	2		1		2.0	2	
Cr ⁺³ (")					1.0			
Cr ⁺⁶ (")	0.5	0.5			0.05	0.5	0.5	0.05
Fe (")	10	10		20	5.0		10	0.3
Cu (")	3	3		0.1	1.0	1.0	3	1.0
Cd (")	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.02	0.03	0.1	0.01
Hg (")	0.005	0.005		0.05	0.05	0.005	0.005	0.001
As (")	0.5	0.5		1	0.1	0.25	0.5	0.05
Pb (")	1	1		0.1	0.1	0.2	1	0.05
Mn (")	10	10		5	1.0	5	5	0.05

Pollutants (unit)	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Korea	Japan	Taiwan	Singapore	Malaysia	Thailand	Indonesia	Australia
Ni (mg/L)				1	1.0		0.5	
Sn (")				0.5	1.0		3	
Zn (")				1	1.0			5.0
Ba (")				5			3	1.0
Be (")				0.5				
Ca (")				200				
Mg (")				200				
B (")				5	4.0			1.0
Metals in Total (")				1				
NH ₃ (")							5	0.5
NO ₃ (")							30	10
NO ₂ (")							3	10
PO ₄ (")				5				
Trichloroethylene(")	0.3(after '93.1)				0.3			
Tetrachloroethylene (")	0.1 (")				0.1			
Detergents (")				15				

2. Air Pollution

2.1. Gaseous Pollutants

Pollutants	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Korea		Japan		Taiwan		Singapore	
	STD (ppm)	Facilities	STD (ppm)	Facilities	STD (ppm)	Facilities	STD (g/Nm ³)	Facilities
Sulfur Oxide (as SO ₂)	1200(4) 650 300(7) 300(12) 800	power plant blast furnace coke plant others	K*= 3.0-17.5 1.17-2.34	defined by regions new facilities	750 (6)	1.5% S in fuel	3.0 (as SO ₃) 0.1	sulfuric acid plants others
Nitrogen Oxide (as NO ₂)	250(4) 200	power plant others	60-150 (5) 200-350 (6) 130-180 (4) 100(15) 220(15) 170(7) 100-180(11) 250(15) 230(16)	boiler(gas)** " (coal)** " (liquid)** blast furnace, basic oxygen converter, open furnace sinter plant coke oven heating furnace** lime calcination furnace drying furnace	300 (6) 400 (6) 500 (6)	boiler(gas) " (liquid) " (solid)	2.0 1.0	nitric acid plant others
Ammonia	200	all						
Carbon Disulfide	30	all						
Formaldehyde	20	all						

$$*q = K \times 10^3 \times H_e^2$$

q = allowable limit of SO_x (Nm³/h), H_e = effective stack height (m) : different according to regions

Pollutants	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Malaysia		Thailand		Indonesia		Australia	
	STD (g/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (ppm)	Facilities	STD ¹⁾ (g/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities
Sulfur Oxide (as SO ₂)	3.5 (as SO ₃) 0.2	sulfuric acid plants others	500	sulfuric acid plants others in Bangkok others in other area	0.25	all	100 (as SO ₃)	all
			400					
			700					
Nitrogen Oxide (as NO ₂)	equiv. of 1.7 g/Nm ³ of SO ₃	all	487	combustion source nitric acid production and others	4.6	all	2500	all
			974					
Ammonia			25	gas plant				
Carbon Disulfide								
Form- aldehyde								

Pollutants	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Korea		Japan		Taiwan		Singapore	
	STD (ppm)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (ppm)	Facilities	STD (g/Nm ³)	Facilities
Hydrogen Sulfide	10 15	desulfurizer others			100	all	5 ppm	all
Hydrogen Cyanide	10	all						
Fluoride Compound	5	all	1.0-20	all	20	all	0.1	process with fluorine, hydrofluoric acid or inorganic fluorine
Bromide Compound	5	all						
Benzene Compound	50	all						
Phenol Compound	10	all						
Hydrogen Chloride	10 80 10	acid treatment incinerator others	700 80	waste incinerator others	80	all	0.2	all
Chlorine			30	all			0.1	all
Mercury Compound	5	all					0.01	all
Arsenic Compound	3	all					0.02	all

Pollutants	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Malaysia		Thailand		Indonesia		Australia	
	STD (g/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (g/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities
Hydrogen Sulfide	5	all	100 ppm	all	5 ppm	all	5	all
Hydrogen Cyanide							100	all
Fluoride Compound					0.02	all		
Bromide Compound								
Benzene Compound								
Phenol Compound								
Hydrogen Chloride	0.4	all	200	all	0.5	all		
Chlorine					0.25	all		
Mercury Compound	0.01	all	0.1	all	0.01	all	3	all
Arsenic Compound	0.025	all	20	all	0.025	all	10	all

2.2. Particulates

Pollutants	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Korea		Japan		Taiwan		Singapore	
	STD (mg/Sm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities
Dust	150(4) 100(2) 30 70 200 100(11) 100(7) 120	power plant incinerator electric arc furnace blast furnace sintering furnace heating furnace coke plant others	50-100 (5) 50-300 (4) 100-300 (6) 150 50 100 100-200 (11) 300(15) 500(16) 100 150(7)	boiler(gas)* " (liquid)* " (solid)* sinter plant blast furnace basic oxygen converter heating furnace* lime calcination furnace drying furnace electric furnace coke oven	189-500 95-176 50-39	gas flowrate(Nm ³ .min)= 30 - 1000 1000-10000 10000-70000 and over	200 (12% CO ₂)	all
Cadmium Compound	1.0	all	1.0	all	1	all	10	all
Lead Compound	20 10	blast furnace others	10-30	all	10	all	20	all
Chromium Compound	1.0	all						
Copper Compound	10	all					20	all

*Different according to capacities

Pollutants	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Malaysia		Thailand		Indonesia		Australia	
	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities
Dust	20	heating furnace others	300	boiler (heavy oil) boiler(coal) cement plant & calcium carbide plant steel manu- facturing rock & gravel aggregate plant others	500	all	250	power plant incinerator and boilers electric furnace other
	400		500				400	
			400				200	
			400				250	
			500					
Cadmium Compound	15	all	1.0	all	15	all	3	all
Lead Compound	25	all	30	all	25	all	10	all
Chromium Compound								
Copper Compound	0.1	all	20	all				

(): Oxygen Content (%)

Pollutants	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Korea		Japan		Taiwan		Singapore	
	STD (mg/Sm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities
Nickel Compound	20	all						
Zinc Compound	30 10	electric arc furnace & incinerator others						
Antimony Compound								
Fugitive Dust	1.5	all			1			
Smoke* (degree)	2	all			1		2	all
Noise(dB)	70 65	day night	50-70 45-65 40-55	day morning & evening night	80 70	day night		

* smoke: Degree of Ringelmann Smoke Chart

E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D

Pollutants	E M I S S I O N S T A N D A R D							
	Malaysia		Thailand		Indonesia		Australia	
	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities	STD (mg/Nm ³)	Facilities
Nickel Compound								
Zinc Compound	100	all			100	all		
Antimony Compound	25	all			25	all	10	all
Fugitive Dust								
Smoke (degree)	1	all	40%	boiler & furnace			2	all
Noise(dB)	85	all	80	all				