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***“Practical Interpretation of China & Taiwan Chemical Management and GHS
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In Feb 2015, China released its revised Inventory of Hazardous Chemicals effective May 1, 2015. It replaces the Catalogue of Hazardous Chemicals (2002) and Inventory of Chinese Highly Toxic Chemicals (2002). The release was followed by official guidance on harmonized classification of hazardous chemicals. The C&L inventory is the most important element under China GHS, which defines the core scope of “hazardous chemicals” management in China under Decree 591. Each ministry concerned is responsible for issuing detailed supporting measures according to the requirements of this regulation. Chemicals listed there should face a series of obligations throughout the supply chain including Hazardous Chemical Registration under SAWS Order 53. This session will provide a detailed look at the new Inventory of Hazardous Chemicals and the various supporting measures under Decree 591, as well as provide an overview of the Draft Revised New Chemical Substance Notification (NCSN) Guidance released for public comment in Jun 2015.

In addition, Taiwan recently revised its Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act (TCSCA) effective Dec 11, 2014. This session will review the Existing Chemical Substance Phase 1 Registration which was launched on Sep 1, 2015 and the New Chemical Substance Registration schemes under TCSCA/OSHA and provide practical guidance and strategies for companies in meeting their regulatory obligations. Full implementation of the Taiwan GHS, scheduled for the end of 2015, will also be discussed.