

Chemical Substance Control



■ Comprehensive Chemical Substance Control

If chemical substances are not properly used and controlled, they can have significant environmental and health impacts through production or products. Chemical control requires not only legal compliance but also preparation based on risk assessment. At the TEL Group, we thoroughly and properly control the chemicals used for production and used in our products to prevent significant environmental and health impacts. Toward this end, we conduct risk assessments of chemicals' noxious properties based on an understanding of actual circumstances.

■ Compliance with the Pollutant Release and Transfer Register Law (Law Concerning Reporting, etc. of Releases to the Environment of Specific Chemical Substances and Promoting Improvements in Their Management)

Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Laws originated as a means of ascertaining the extent to which chemicals are released into the environment. In Japan, the Environment Agency initiated a pilot PRTR program in certain regions in 1997. In 1999, Japan enacted the Law Concerning Reporting, etc. of Releases to the Environment of Specific Chemical Substances and Promoting Improvements in Their Management, scheduled to go into effect in April 2001. At the TEL Group, we will control the material balance of substances subject to the PRTR Law and report to the government thereon.

■ Development of an MSDS Database

At the TEL Group, we control and use Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) through a computer system at each plant that reviews and registers chemical substances when they are first used. Henceforth, however, we will develop an on-line database that will enable group-wide access to MSDS data.

