

# Responsible Care Guiding Principles

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- 1 The chemical industry considers safety and the protection of human health and the environment a matter of fundamental importance. For this reason, company management shall define environmental guidelines, review these guidelines at regular intervals regarding new requirements and create procedures for the effective implementation of these targets in everyday business.
- 2 The chemical industry encourages the employees' environmental responsibility and awareness with respect to potential environmental hazards caused by products or plant operations.
- 3 The chemical industry takes the general public's questions and concerns regarding its products and business operations seriously and provides appropriate response.
- 4 The chemical industry continuously reduces the dangers and risks involved in the manufacture, storage, transportation, distribution, usage, processing and disposal of its products in order to protect employees, neighbours, customers and consumers, and the environment. Health, safety and environmental aspects are priority issues when new products and production procedures are being developed.
- 5 The chemical industry informs its customers appropriately as to the safe transport, storage, safe application, processing and disposal of its products.
- 6 The chemical industry works continuously on extending its knowledge of possible adverse effects of products, production procedures and waste on human health and the environment.
- 7 The chemical industry will limit the marketing of products or cease production, regardless of economic interests, if the results of a risk assessment call for such limitation or cessation as a precautionary measure to protect human health and the environment. The chemical industry shall inform the public of all such measures.
- 8 The chemical industry will initiate any measures required in the event of operation-induced health or environmental dangers; it shall work in close coordination with public authorities and will inform the public without delay of any such events.
- 9 The chemical industry makes available its knowledge and experience in the preparation of practical and effective laws, directives and standards with the aim of ensuring the protection of man and the environment.
- 10 The chemical industry fosters guiding principles and the implementation of the Responsible Care initiative, in particular through the open exchange of knowledge and experience with all those concerned and interested.