

Table 1-1 Outline of the Chemical Substances Control Law (see also Appendix A)

Enactment (amendment): 1973 (1986)

- Purpose: 1) Prevention of environmental pollution by chemical substances that are not readily degradable and have the potential to affect human health;
- 2) Enactment of necessary regulations on the production, import, and use of new chemical substances in response to the examination of their characteristics.

Contents: Regulation (substantial prohibition) on production and import of “Class 1 Specified Chemical Substances” that are not readily biodegradable, are highly accumulative and chronically toxic. Regulation (notification of production, import amount, etc.) on production and import of hardly biodegradable and chronically toxic “Class 2 Specified Chemical Substances,” and regulation (report of production, import amount, etc.) on “Designated Chemical Substances” that are hardly degradable and suspected as being chronically toxic.