



New requirements set for declaration of imported chemicals



The Prime Minister issued on October 9 Decree 113/2017/ND-CP to remove 46 conditions on chemical production, storage and trading with a view to implementing more facilitative policies for enterprises engaged in chemical trading and concurrently helping functional agencies manage more strictly chemical production and trading activities.

Under the Decree, which will take effect on November 25, chemical importers may complete the declaration of their imported chemicals via the National Single-Window Portal (NSW). To-be-declared information includes information of declarants and imported chemicals, sale and purchase invoices, and chemical safety data sheets in Vietnamese.

A declarant will have to take responsibility before law for the accuracy of information filled in the declaration form posted on the NSW. Declarants will be held responsible for intentionally declared untruthful information under the current regulations.

The new decree allows chemical traders to keep confidential names and quantities of produced, imported or traded chemicals, information about technological and trade secrets.

However, important information that can be used for the protection of community health and the environment will not be considered confidential, including product trade names, names of producers and importers, information in chemical safety data sheets, cautions for use and direct contact with chemicals and measures to be taken in response to possible incidents, etc.- **(VLLF)**

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