

Operating Regulations of Consortium for analysis and remediation of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

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These Operating Regulations (hereinafter referred to as "these Regulations") set forth necessary matters concerning the operation of the Consortium for Analysis and Remediation of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) (hereinafter referred to as "the Consortium").

Article 1: Establishment and Purpose

The Consortium is established to promote information exchange and utilization of analytical, treatment, and related assessment technologies for PFAS. It aims to build a collaborative framework among industry, academia, and government, foster standardization and shared understanding, and disseminate research outcomes to society.

Article 2: Activities

The Consortium shall engage in the following activities:

- Provision of technical information and exchange of opinions related to PFAS analysis and treatment.
- Organization of seminars and technical exchange meetings.
- Other activities are necessary to fulfill the Consortium's objectives.

Article 3: Membership

The Consortium shall consist of the following members who support its purpose and activities:

- Corporations, organizations, or individuals who pay the membership fee stipulated in Article 8.
- Corporations, organizations, or individuals recognized as necessary by the Representative under Article 6.

Article 4: Admission and Withdrawal

Admission applications must be submitted through the method designated by the Secretariat.

Membership is valid from the later of April 1 or the date the fee is paid, until March 31 of that fiscal year.

To withdraw, members must submit a withdrawal notice with a reason. Paid fees are non-refundable. Any unpaid dues must be fully settled.

A member may be expelled by the Representative if:

- Membership fees are overdue without valid reason.
- Conduct is contrary to the Consortium's purpose.
- Actions damage the Consortium's or members' reputation or interests.
- The member fails to comply with these Regulations even after notice and a grace period.

Article 5: Rights and Obligations of Members

Members may participate in activities such as seminars and technical exchange meetings.

2.Members may provide opinions to the Representative or Secretariat regarding operations.

3.Members shall cooperate with the Consortium's activities.

4.Members must comply with these Regulations.

5.Members shall pay the membership fees defined in Article 8.

Article 6: Representative

One Representative shall be appointed for the Consortium.

2.The Representative shall represent and oversee the Consortium's operations.

Article 7: Secretariat

A Secretariat shall be established within the Consortium.

2.The Secretary-General and staff shall be appointed and dismissed by the Representative.

3.The Secretariat shall:

- Assist the Representative and act on their behalf if needed.
- Manage operations related to the Consortium's activities.
- Perform other necessary administrative tasks.

Article 8: Operating Costs

Membership fees, as stated in paragraph 5, are the main source of funding. The

Representative may exempt certain entities.

2.Fees may be adjusted based on operational cost changes (e.g., samples, seminars).

3.Fees may cover expenses for information provision, expert honoraria, travel, etc.

4.Non-attendance does not guarantee a refund. The seminar materials will be distributed to all members.

5.Annual Membership Fees:

Individual: ¥40,000 (tax excluded)

Corporate: ¥100,000 (tax excluded)

Membership with English Support - ¥300,000

*Note: Even corporate-affiliated individuals may register as individual members.

Article 9: Fiscal Year

The Consortium's fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31. The initial year starts on the date of the enactment and ends March 31 of that year.

Article 10: Information Handling

Information not designated as confidential may be shared among members.

Confidential information must be covered by a separate non-disclosure agreement among parties involved.

Article 11: Intellectual Property

Disclosing information does not imply permission to use the intellectual property associated with it.

2.If a member invents something based on shared information, they must notify the Representative and Secretariat, and the handling of the matter is to be decided through consultation.

3.Inventions based on confidential information are subject to the respective NDA terms.

Article 12: Duration

The Consortium is established until March 31, 2026. Extensions may be approved annually by the Representative.

Article 13: Dissolution

The Representative may dissolve the Consortium if:

Its purpose is deemed no longer relevant due to technological progress,
Membership declines significantly,
Other valid reasons arise.
Dissolution will, in principle, take place on March 31 and be announced to all members.

Article 14: Amendments

These Regulations may be amended by the Secretariat and communicated to all members.

Article 15: Consultation

Any matters not covered in these Regulations shall be resolved amicably through consultation among the Representative, Secretariat, and members.

Supplementary Provision

These Regulations shall take effect on April 1, 2025.

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