



Management of Chemical Substances to Retain Trust

Chemical substances benefit our lives. At the same time, however, they can pose a serious health risk to a human being and can result environmental pollution if they are handled improperly. At Fujikura Kasei, we have a strict management framework in place that includes within its scope not only our business partners but also all parties beyond, to fulfill our social responsibility as a company that handles chemical substances.

Chemical substance management initiatives

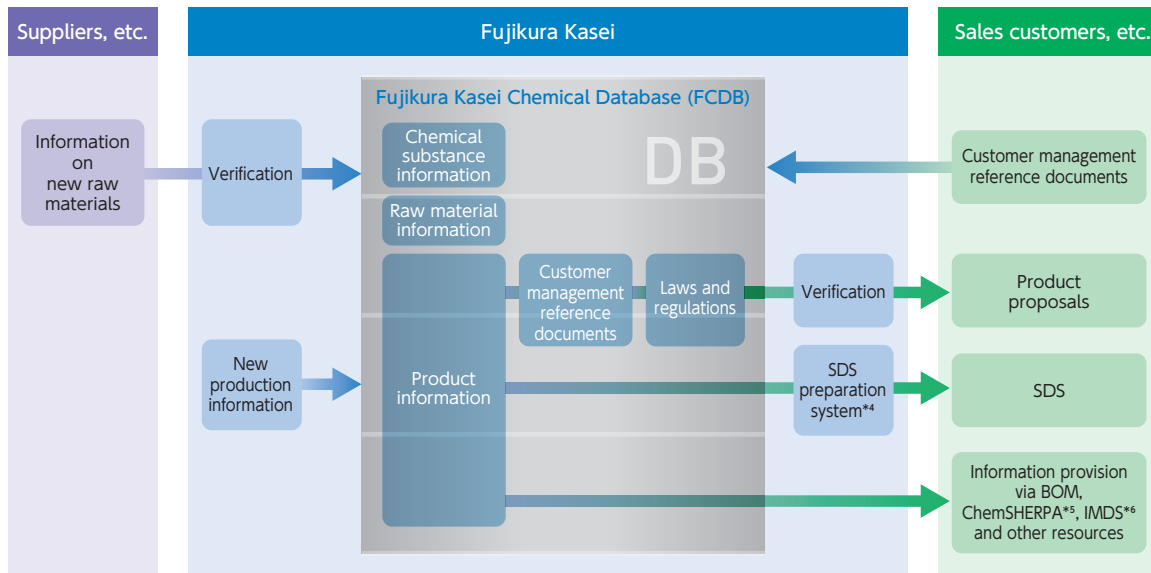
At Fujikura Kasei, we believe it is important to think about the health not only of our employees who manufacture our products and customers who directly use our products, but also of everyone up to all end users, and to design products that do not impose severe adverse impacts on the environment.

Based on this awareness, we have created and incorporated a

Chemical Management System (CMS) in our QMS*1, EMS*2 and OHSMS*3, to be operated integrally with these systems.

We must also take the responsibility to convey proper information on chemical substances contained in our products. We achieve this by managing chemical substances according to the scheme shown below, centered primarily on the Fujikura Kasei Chemical Database (FCDB).

Our chemical substance management scheme



*1 QMS: Quality Management System *2 EMS: Environmental Management System *3 OHSMS: Occupational Health and Safety Management System

*4 SDS: Safety Data Sheet *5 Chem SHERPA: A common scheme for conveying information on the chemical substance content of products

*6 IMDS: Stands for International Material Data System. A database of materials and its scheme.

Review of the chemical substance management system

Today, chemical safety assessment is advancing around the world, and laws and regulations concerning chemical safety are being established one after another. Fujikura Kasei is also working to ensure prompt and proper response to relevant laws and regulations and industrial requirements by continuing the maintenance and management of FCDB. Additionally, chemical

substances group that need to be monitored are reviewed as appropriate so that management standards do not become outdated. This allows us to develop new products while steadily managing the necessary chemical substances.

Through these schemes, we strive to provide products that our customers can use without worry.

Restrictions on chemical substances in products

Substances that, when used, have a markedly adverse impact on people's health and the environment are restricted by laws, regulations, and industrial standards. At Fujikura Kasei, we widely designate such substances as "prohibited substances." Substances that are not restricted but pose a concern regarding their effects are designated as "approval required substances," and are managed upon determining whether they may be used or whether their use should be restricted via an assessment by our Chemical

Management Conference (CMC). Substances that are restricted in part according to their purpose or by country are properly managed by widely seeking information on them as "controlled substances."

In compliance with company standards, we also take thorough measures to handle substances that are newly restricted by laws and regulations and products that have been found to contain restricted substances, by replacing them with alternative products or terminating their usage as the situation demands.