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Check out this November report published by Chinadialogue highlighting the "regulatory blind spots" in China's chemical management. The findings demonstrate that as the world's largest chemical manufacturer and user, China still lags behind in chemical management concepts, regulations and technologies. As the harmful effects of unregulated chemicals pose a growing risk to public health and the environment, it is essential to establish a pollutant release and transfer register (PRTR) in China.

IPE launched its own platform for the voluntary disclosure of PRTR information in 2013 to prompt manufacturers to disclose their emissions data, including hazardous chemicals. Since then, IPE has encouraged brands that source from China to require their high environmental impact suppliers to publish their annual data on this portal. We are currently optimizing the reporting form and procedures to improve user experience, so keep an eye out for the updated form, which will be available online soon!

In this month's newsletter:

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Starbucks continues to advance supply chain environmental action
Last month, IPE conducted a pollution investigation into Starbucks' supply chain in China. The investigation found that wastewater from Starbucks' reusable cup supplier contained heavy metals that would eventually flow into the Pearl River Delta.

After the report was published, Starbucks contacted IPE and they have now taken significant action to manage supply chain environmental risks. So far, the company has motivated 7 suppliers to contact IPE regarding their previous violation records. Among them, 6 have demonstrated the effectiveness of their rectifications and removed their records from IPE's database through the GCA audit process.



New report by Changing Markets Foundation highlights challenges for greening the viscose supply chain

According to the latest report released by the Changing Markets Foundation, the sustainable development Roadmap launched by the Collaboration for Sustainable Development of Viscose (CV) in August 2018 has significant gaps in effectiveness, comprehensiveness, and transparency.

China accounts for 63% of the global market for viscose, a man-made fibre widely used in high-street and high-end fashion alike. In its report, Changing Markets Foundation indicates that many viscose manufacturers in China have yet to adopt responsible production methods and sustainable procurement practices.

Click here to read the full report.



GCA Third-Party Audit Company Qualification guidelines updated and available for download

IPE has made several adjustments to the GCA Third-party Audit Company Qualification Process document (in Chinese) after consulting representatives from both the brands and auditing communities.

The revised document includes clarifications of the evaluation criteria and procedures, as well as the qualifications for and dismissal of GCA-approved third-party auditing companies and auditors. The new Qualification Process emphasizes that auditors and auditing companies should work independently and impartially, rejecting any forms of commercial bribery.

For more information regarding the GCA third-party audit, please refer to our website.

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No More Excuses, Corporate America: The Future Is Now. Featured below are excerpts from an expert blog by Linda Greer, Senior Scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).

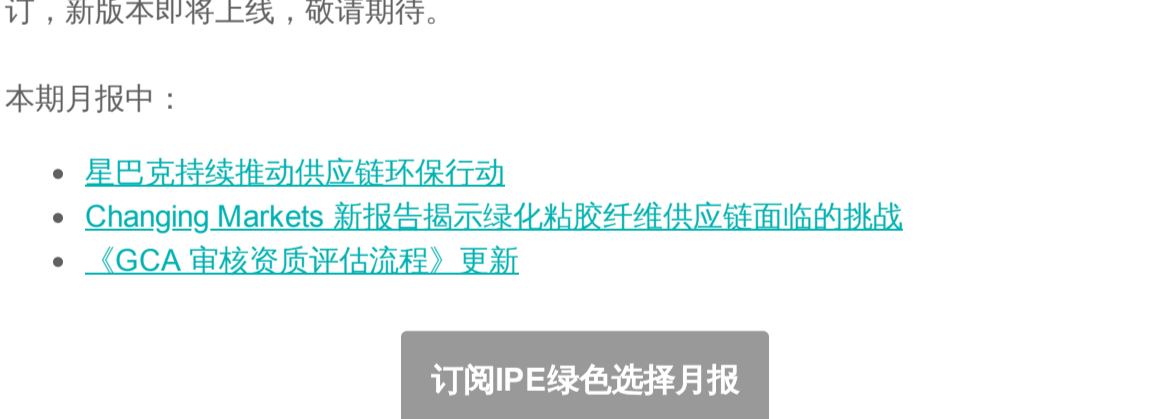
Big Data Accelerates the Expansion of Green Supply Chains. Featured below are excerpts from an article by IPE's Helen Ding and Erin Wong in partnership with China Water Risk (CWR).

POLICY UPDATES & RESOURCES

- Policy Updates: Dangerous Chemicals Major Hazard Identification (GB18218-2018), Administrative Measures on Pollutant Discharge Permits (Draft)
Policy Resources: Environmental Protection Tax Law of the P.R.C., Soil Pollution Action Plan ("Soil Ten"), Amendments to China's Air Law (passed in August 2015), Water 10th Action Plan (issued in April 2015), Made in China 2025, EU-China Environmental Governance Project Policy Resource (Bilingual), China Hazardous Chemicals Management Resource Center, China Law Translate

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中外对话11月发布最新报告，强调中国在化学品管理方面存在“监管盲区”。该报告指出，作为世界上最大的化学品生产国和消费国，中国在化学品管理的概念、法规和技术方面仍然落后。

2013年，IPE建立了PRTR信息公开平台，推动生产企业公开包括有害化学品在内的排放数据，并持续推动在中国采购的品牌，对高环境影响供应商提出在IPE的网站上公开PRTR数据的要求。

本期月报中：

- 星巴克持续推进供应链环保行动
Changing Markets 新报告揭示绿化粘胶纤维供应链面临的挑战
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星巴克持续推进供应链环保行动
IPE上个月对星巴克在华供应链进行了污染调研。调查发现，星巴克吸管杯供应商超标排放含重金属的废水，超标废水排向珠江三角洲。

报告发布之后，星巴克与IPE取得联系，并积极采取行动管控供应链环境风险。截至目前，星巴克已经推动7家供应商并通过与环保组织取得联系。其中，6家供应商已公开证明其整改的有效性，并通过GCA审核撤除了违规记录。



Changing Markets 新报告揭示绿化粘胶纤维供应链面临的挑战
Changing Markets基金会近日发布最新报告称，中国再生纤维素纤维行业绿色发展联盟（以下简称“联盟”）今年8月推行的可持续发展路线图，在有效性、全面性和透明度等方面都存在显著差距。

粘胶纤维是一种备受高街品牌和时尚行业青睐的人造纤维，中国约占全球粘胶纤维产量的63%。报告指出，中国的许多粘胶纤维生产商尚未做到负责任生产和可持续采购，甚至联盟企业的部分工厂也没有做到基本的环境合规。

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《GCA审核资质评估流程》更新
在咨询了品牌代表和审核机构专家意见后，IPE对《GCA审核资质评估流程》文件进行了更新，对审核机构和审核员的评估标准和流程、资质监督和取消进行了说明。

有关GCA第三方审核的更多信息请参阅IPE网站。

最新环境政策
2018.11.05 生态环境部发布 关于征求对《排污许可证管理条例（草案征求意见稿）》意见的通知
2018.11.19 市场监管总局 标准委 批准发布《危险化学品重大危险源辨识》(GB 18218-2018)