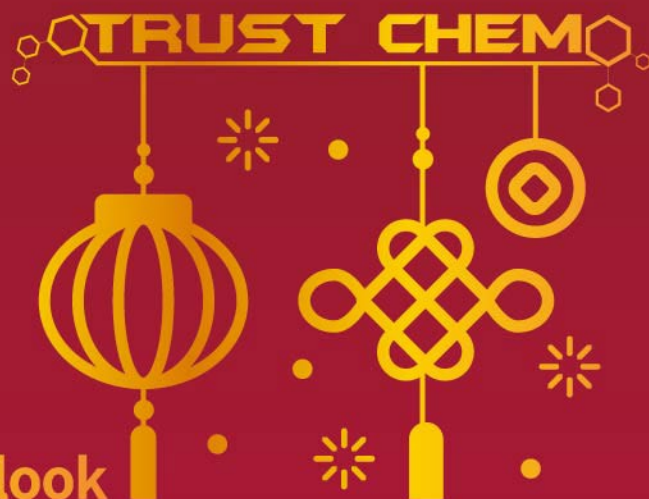




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2022 Summary and 2023 Outlook

The New Year has quietly arrived. On behalf of all Trust Chem colleagues, I hereby wish all partners a happy New Year.

Looking back on 2022, the world is still reeling from COVID-19 as well as from other external factors including geopolitical tensions, fluctuating raw materials, and prolonged disruptions in global supply chains. These uncertainties in operations and work resulted in a continual increase in comprehensive costs. Despite the adverse and turbulent external environment, our determination to move forward remains unwavering. The Trust Chem Jinzhou plant has gradually started trial production, and annual output is expected to reach 10,000 tons of azo pigments and dyes after the first phase of production.

At this point, the Trust Chem Group (TC Group) will progress and strengthen integrated industry-university-research cooperations, and further integrate upstream and downstream resources to build a supply chain system based on strategic cooperative relations. At the same time, the TC Group will also improve the initiative of technical services, focus on the developing technology trends, explore potential demand from customers, act on the change law of customer demand, and launch timely products to meet customer needs. In a rapidly developing and changing pigment industry, the TC Group will comprehensively enhance the core competitiveness of its organization, accelerate the growth of high-quality enterprises, and improve the competitiveness of the industry.

As China effectively modifies epidemic prevention and control measures, and the effect of policies to stabilize economic development continue to take hold, the TC Group meets the year 2023 full of optimism. Once again this new year, Trust Chem will continue to color the world!

Li Zhi
President



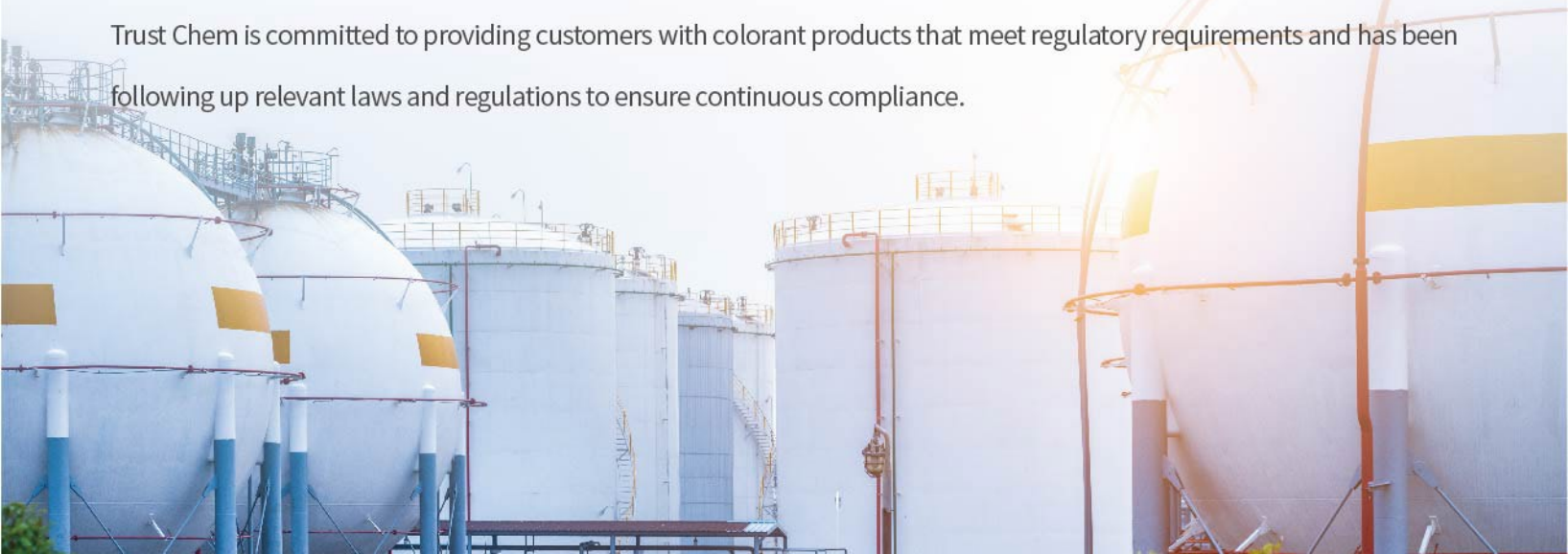
POPs Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 and the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2291

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are organic chemicals with high toxicity and long-range transport potential that persist in the environment, bioaccumulate through the food web, and pose a risk of causing adverse effects to human health and the environment. This group of POPs consists of pesticides (such as DDT), industrial chemicals (such as hexachlorobenzene and polychlorinated biphenyls) and unintentional by-products of industrial processes or combustion (such as dioxins and furans).

Numerous countries signed the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in Stockholm, Sweden in 2001 to promote their elimination and reduction. On June 25, 2019, the EU published Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, recasting the POPs Regulation. The new regulation took effect on July 15, 2019. The POPs Regulation controls POPs through prohibition, restriction, elimination, or waste management.

On November 23, 2022, the EU issued Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2291 to amend Annex I of the POPs Regulation by setting a 'Specific Exemption' value for hexachlorobenzene (HCB, CAS number 118-74-1). As HCB is present as an unintentional trace contaminant (UTC) in some substances, mixtures or articles, including chlorinated solvents, coatings, inks, textile and wood applications, as well as plastics, the European Commission decided to include a 'Specific Exemption' limit of 10 mg/kg (0.001%) for HCB. The UTC limit that applies to HCB is ≤ 10 mg/kg in substances, mixtures or articles.

Trust Chem is committed to providing customers with colorant products that meet regulatory requirements and has been following up relevant laws and regulations to ensure continuous compliance.



Newsflash

I. Trust Chem to Participate in ECS 2023

The European Coatings Show (ECS 2023) will take place at the Nuremberg Exhibition Center in Germany on March 28-30, 2023. The exhibition is held every two years. Since its first convention in 1991, the show has been successfully held for 15 sessions. It is by now the largest professional exhibition for the international coatings industry.

Trust Chem warmly invites you to visit our Booth #5-309 to exchange ideas and be inspired.



II. Trust Chem to Participate in CHINAPLAS 2023

The 35th CHINAPLAS 2023 will be held at the Shenzhen International Convention and Exhibition Center in China from April 17-20, 2023. As the world's leading rubber and plastic exhibition, it will bring together more than 4,000 Chinese and foreign exhibitors.

Please feel free to stop by our Booth #14C29 and visit with our team for in-depth discussions and to find potential solutions for coating coloration.



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