

# Chemicals control

contributing to national progress and safety



“ In a world with rapid economic development, it is increasingly important for governments to consider the various benefits that the establishment and implementation of legal frameworks for control of industrial and consumer chemicals can bring to society and industry. ”

Chemicals are included in virtually all manufactured goods surrounding us, and are used and produced more widely than ever before. While chemicals support our well-being they can, if poorly used and managed, threaten our health and environment as well as our economic development.

Chemicals control addresses industrial and consumer chemicals as part of the sound management of chemicals, and is a vital element of national sustainable development strategies. It is essential to promote resource efficiency and to optimize access to economic opportunities, particularly of developing countries.

As economies develop, and the use of chemicals increases, effective measures enable industries and consumers to use chemicals more safely.

### **Arguments for and guidance on chemicals control**

To assist governments towards establishing or improving their chemicals control, the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) has developed a publication series on chemicals control.

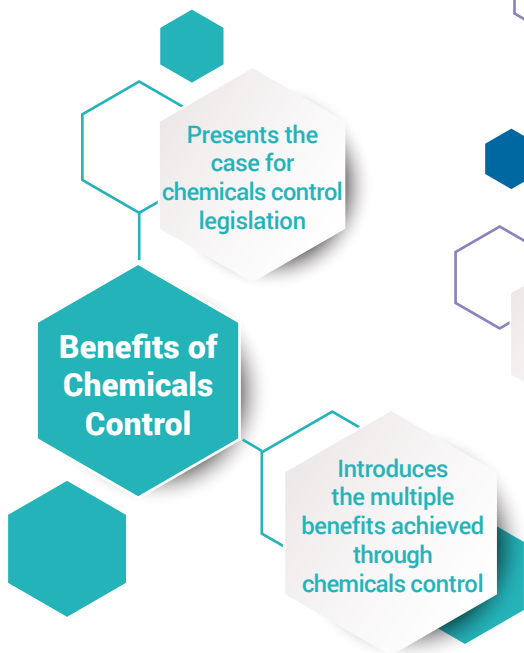
These new documents complement the 2015 UN Environment Guidance on the Development of Legal and Institutional Infrastructures and Measures for Recovering Costs of National Administration (LIRA Guidance).

The publications aim to support decision makers in their efforts to establish legal frameworks for chemicals control and the work of government officials involved in building government capacity for chemicals control.



# Benefits of chemicals control

The information document in the UN Environment series offers arguments for a national chemicals control framework.



# Guidance on chemicals control

The guidance documents in the UN Environment series offer information and suggestions on how to establish, fund and implement a national chemicals control framework.



“Chemicals control allows society to benefit from the advantages of industrial and consumer chemicals while reducing their risks.”

## Download the UN Environment series on Chemicals Control:

**Benefits of Chemicals Control** 2019

**National Authority Structure: Structure and Funding** 2019

**Risk Reduction Tools for Chemicals Control** 2019

**Enforcement of Chemicals Control Legislation** 2019

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**Guidance on the Development of Legal and Institutional Infrastructures and Measures for Recovering Costs of National Administration (LIRA Guidance)** 2015

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