

# **Pesticide Policies in China**

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## 1. Introduction

In 2018, more policies on pesticide industry were released. Regarding policies on pesticide industry, On 4 Feb., 2018, the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and the State Council jointly issued the *Opinions on Implementing the Rural Vitalisation Strategy* (the No.1 Central Document of 2018). This was the 15th No.1 Central Document on issues of agriculture, farmers and rural areas in a row. As of Dec. 2018, the *Regulation on Pesticide Administration of the People's Republic of China (2017 Revision)* and related measures had been put into effect for more than one year. And there are many policies on pesticide business and pesticide import.

In those pesticide policies, it's worthy to note that those policies concerning environmental protection. On 27 June, 2018, a three-year action plan for cleaner air was released by the State Council to make arrangements for the prevention and control of air pollution in the next three years. On 31 Aug., 2018, the *Soil Pollution Prevention and Control Law of the People's Republic of China* was adopted at the Fifth Session of the Standing Committee of the Thirteenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, and came into effect from 1 Jan., 2019. The *Measures for the Administration of Pollutant Discharge Permitting (Trial)* came into force in China on 10 Jan., 2018. Notably, the contents in the previous *Interim Provisions on the Administration of Pollutant Discharge Permits* that are inconsistent with the new measures shall be no longer in force.

In the past few years, China's pesticide industry enjoyed fast development, but it also encountered some bottlenecks during the process. Efforts were made to reduce capacity, strengthen innovations, and develop sustainable agriculture. In the next few years, reducing capacity and adjusting industrial structure will still be the major tasks. In order to find develop trends of China's pesticide industry from the aspects of policies, CCM has summarized all the key policies in China's pesticide industry and some analysis has been made at the same time in this report as the following topics:

- Policies on pesticide industry
- Policy on pesticide registration administration
- Policies on pesticide business
- Policy on pesticide import
- Policies on environmental protection concerning pesticide industry
- Provincial policy on restricted pesticides

## 2. Approach for this report

The report is based on data sourced by diverse methods, as follows:

- Desk research

The sources of desk research are various, including published magazines, journals, government statistics, industrial statistics, association seminars as well as information from the Internet. A lot of work has gone into the compilation and analysis of the obtained information.

- Data processing and presentation

The data collected and compiled were sourced from:

- Published articles from Chinese periodicals, magazines, journals, and the third-party databases
- Government statistics & customs statistics
- Comments from industrial experts
- CCM's innovative database
- Professional databases from other sources
- Information from the internet

- Telephone investigation

The interviewees included the following groups:

- Key producers
- Key end users
- Key traders
- Material suppliers
- Associations involved
- Industry experts

The data from various sources have been combined and cross-checked to make this report as precise and scientific as possible. Throughout the process, a series of internal discussions were held in order to analyse the data and draw the conclusions.

### 3. Executive summary

Pesticides play an important role in agricultural development. Aiming to solve the problems in the industry, pesticide policies focus on all related aspects such as registration, production, business, environmental protection, pesticide residue and so on. One of the most notable is the environmental policy.

Several environmental regulations have been implemented in early 2018. On 1 Jan., the newly-revised *Law on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution* took effect. It enhances punishment on illegal behaviours both in term of penalty and in upper limit of fine. On 10 Jan., the MEP issued the *Measures for the Administration of Pollutant Discharge Permitting (Trial)*, aiming to gradually refine control over every pollutant discharge outlet. It should be mentioned that the near future will see more increasingly stringent environmental regulations in China.

Production and use of pesticides can lead to serious environmental pollution. And production cuts caused by environmental pollution do affect the supply and demand of pesticides, which negatively influences the whole industry. Pesticide enterprises are facing more and more environmental pressure in 2018. Therefore, pesticide industry insiders and investors need to pay close attention to the impact of such policies.

Besides the abovementioned, other issues and policies concerning pesticide industry that are worth paying attention to in 2018 are given in this report.

#### 4. What's in this report?

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Table 1-1 Major policies on pesticide industry in China, before 2017

No.	Rules, regulations and industrial polices	Release department
1	XXX	XXX
2	XXX	XXX
...	XXX	XXX
19	XXX	XXX

Source: Related governmental departments mentioned in the table

## 2 China's policies on pesticide in 2018

### 2.1 Key policies on pesticide industry in 2018

Table 2.1-1 Policies and regulations on pesticide industry in China, 2018

No.	Policy	Release time	Release department
1	XXX	XXX	XXX
2	XXX	XXX	XXX
...	XXX	XXX	XXX
9	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: CCM

### 2.2 Policies on pesticide industry

#### 2.2.1 No.1 Central Document 2018

On 4 Feb., 2018, the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and the State Council jointly issued the *Opinions on Implementing the Rural Vitalisation Strategy* (the No.1 Central Document 2018). This was the 15<sup>th</sup> No.1 central document on issues of agriculture, farmers and rural areas. The No. 1 central document is the name traditionally given to the first policy statement released by the central authorities of the year, and is seen as an indicator of policy priorities.

The spirits of the No.1 Central Document 2018 would be represented in the following aspects in the pesticide industry:

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#### 2.2.2 Regulation on Pesticide Administration (2017 Revision) and related measures

As of Dec. 2018, the *Regulation on Pesticide Administration of the People's Republic of China (2017 Revision)* and related measures have been in effect for more than one year. In general, advantages brought from the implementation of the Regulation to the domestic pesticide industry have outweighed the disadvantages: stricter supervision, explicit standards of legal production & operation and clear requirements on diverse entities are definitely conducive to sustainable development; for

another, the Regulation facilitates elimination of inefficient capacities and better allocation of industrial resources, which provides quality pesticide enterprises with a much more favorable policy environment and thus pushes forward with supply-side reform.

Main influences of the Regulation on pesticide companies' registration, production and operation:

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### **3 Forecast on Chinese government's policy trend on pesticide industry**

In the past few years, China's pesticide industry enjoyed fast development, but it also encountered some bottlenecks during the process. Efforts were made to reduce capacity, strengthen innovations, and develop sustainable agriculture. In the next few years, reducing capacity and adjusting industrial structure will still be the major tasks. Specifically, under the guidance of policies, the pesticide industry in China will develop in the following directions:

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