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CPCIF-TfS Supplier Training in Shanghai

On September 19, 2017, CPCIF (China Petrochemical Industry Federation) and TfS (Together for Sustainability) jointly organized the Supplier Training in Shanghai.



The previous CPCIF-TfS Supplier Training in September last year received very positive feedback and generated good results. In this year's CPCIC, CPCIF and TfS worked together again on a supplier training dedicated to Chinese suppliers. This year's training focused on two core TfS processes, namely TfS on-site audit and TfS online questionnaire.

More than 300 participants from suppliers and TfS member companies attended the training. The purpose of the training is to continuously improve the awareness of TfS and how to prepare a TfS audit as well as practical guides on how to use the EcoVadis platform.

Ms. Shirley Qi, President of TfS Asia, Head of Procurement Asia Pacific North, Evonik Industries, opened the training session with a welcome speech to all participants and thanked CPCIF for its

support and contribution to Tfs and the training. As Tfs Asian platform is deepening the cooperation with CPCIF, China companies are expected to join Tfs as members. She closed her speech with the emphasis again on the importance of sustainable development and the vision of creating a green chemical industry in China.



Mr. Cheng Xu, Procurement & Logistics Director of LANXESS Greater China, explained the importance of corporate risk management and introduced how Tfs can help companies understand and avoid risks. Meanwhile, he also introduced the purpose of Tfs and the establishment and development of Tfs Asian platform. Dr. Xu mentioned some criteria in the implementation of Tfs. He emphasized again the benefits of "an audit for one is an audit for all" and called all suppliers to actively participate in Tfs.



Hence, Veronica Tang from BASF Greater China Procurement introduced the process of Tfs audit and elaborated on how to prepare for the audit, key must-knows in the audit and correction action plans.

After the Tfs audit session, Agnes Woon, Quality Leader of Asia Pacific Purchasing & Supply Chain Excellence, Solvay Special Chemicals Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd and Maggie Li from Covestro Polymers (China) Co., Ltd. Procurement Department introduced the Tfs Assessment process using the EcoVadis platform, how to analyze the scorecard, how to conduct the payment, the importance of correction action plan (CAP), and how to use the EcoVadis system to conduct the CAP. They clarified the relationship between Tfs and Ecovadis, which frequently confuses suppliers and inform suppliers that EcoVadis will launch new charging models to different suppliers from January 1, 2018.

The training invited not only Tfs members to share their experiences, but also a supplier of Tfs member, Shanghai Jiahua Chemical Co., Ltd. Mr. Jianguo Qin, Director of the factory shared the company's practices and demonstrated their plans to improve sustainability during several rounds of Tfs audits. The factory's score increased from a little more than 100 points to over 190 points, almost approaching the max score of 200 points. The audience was very impressed by his sharing. Meanwhile, Mr. Qin also expressed that his factory is willing to join Tfs and become a member of Tfs.

Finally, Ms. Lu Ying, Asia Pacific Procurement Director of Bayer delivered the closing speech. She stressed the importance of the sustainability using the example of air pollution in China and Bayer's practices. She said in her speech that, "in my communication with suppliers, what surprises me is that half of the companies mentioned that sustainable development has become part of their strategy in the next 5 to 10 years. It is not because of client's requirement, but because they have been aware of the importance of sustainability". She hoped that we will see more suppliers to achieve sustainability as good as Jiahua. In closing, Ms. Lu encouraged suppliers to subscribe to the Tfs WeChat account, follow the Tfs, and work on their own sustainability.

About Together for Sustainability (Tfs)

Tfs AISBL is a joint initiative of chemical companies for sustainable supply chains. It was founded in 2011, to develop and implement a global program to assess, audit and improve sustainability practices within the supply chains of the chemical industry. Currently it has 19 member companies worldwide and intends to grow globally. <http://www.tfs-initiative.com/>

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