



FRINGE MEETING AT CI WORLD CONGRESS 2007
ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING CHEMICAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN
FROM THE CSR PERSPECTIVE
: Safety Issues of Household Insecticide

Vibe Hotel (Vibe Room 1 & 2), Sydney, Australia,
29 October 2007 at 09:30-12:00

Organized by Consumers Korea

BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

Providing a safe product to the consumer is the vital corporate responsibility. Consumers should be provided a safe product for use and guided to use it in a safe way. It is the most important corporate social responsibility.

What should companies do to practice social responsibility for the safety of consumers? This workshop will be specifically focused on 'safety issues of household insecticides, containing Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs)'.

There is growth in the use of household insecticides, which contain EDCs. Consumers from many countries worldwide commonly use household insecticides. Household insecticides are sold at any stores, even at the convenience store and grocery store. The safety of agricultural chemicals used in farmland has long been a major concern of consumer organizations. However, the safety of chemicals used in homes and offices has been somewhat neglected.

How to secure the safety of the consumers from household insecticides use? What is social responsibility of the household insecticides manufacturers? We will have discussions on these questions in the workshop.

Consumers Korea (former CACPK) carried out a survey on consumer use and market conditions of household insecticides from last July along with PAN AP (India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, and Philippines), China, Hong Kong, Fiji, and Malaysia. Based on the survey results, we demand to “prohibit endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) used in household insecticides, enhance product labeling for safe use, and stop the ad encouraging consumers to excessive use”. Korea already has some manufacturing companies to halt the use of EDCs, and enhance labeling and ads.

This workshop will propose the global campaign for EDCs Safety and Corporate Social Responsibility to ensure safety of consumers.

PROGRAM

Time	Topics and speakers
09:30–09:40	Welcome by the Moderator Dr. Vokyung Song, CEO of Sobija(Consumer) Report, Consumers Korea
09:40–10:00	Consumer safety issues of Household Insecticide : Endocrine disrupting chemical issues from scientific perspective Dr. Michael Hansen, Consumers Union of USA
10:00–10:15	Consumer attitude & market practices of Household Insecticide : Survey results Dr. Eunsook Moon, Consumers Korea (former CACPK)
10:15–10:45	CSR for Consumer safety: What should companies do for consumer safety of household insecticide? Mr. Seah Seng Choon, Consumers Association of Singapore Ms. Premila Kumar, Consumer Council of Fiji
10:45–11:15	Future actions: What will we do to ensure safety of household insecticide Ms. Connie Lau, Consumer Council of Hong Kong Mr. Bharath Jairaj, Citizen Consumer & Civic Action Group
11:15–11:45	Panel discussion with Audience participation
11:45–12:00	Conclusions
12:30–13:30	Luncheon
14:00–17:00	The COPOLCO fringe meeting SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE GLOBAL MARKET: WHAT PARTNERSHIP FOR CONSUMERS AND STANDARDS