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## **Physical Internet Realization Council's Chemical Products Working Group Formulates Standard Guidelines for Chemical Logistics Information**

**Tokyo, Japan**—On June 29, 2026, the Chemicals Working Group of the Physical Internet Realization Council led by Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and chaired by Professor Yuji Yano, of Ryutsu Keizai University, announced that it has formulated standard guidelines for chemical logistics information to advance data standardization across the industry. The guidelines aim to address the transport capacity shortages stemming from the "2024 Logistics Problem" and to expand joint logistics throughout the chemical industry.

The Chemicals Working Group comprises 86 organizations, primarily shippers and logistics providers, one university, the Japan Chemical Industry Association, the Japan Petrochemical Industry Association, and various METI, MLIT, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) departments.

Tosoh Corporation serves as the working group's secretariat alongside Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., and Toray Industries, Inc.

Please refer to the materials below for further details.

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Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

### **Physical Internet Realization Council's Chemicals Working Group Establishes Standard Guidelines for Chemicals Logistics Information Introducing the industry's first data integration platform to address a shortage of transportation capacity**

The Chemicals Working Group (Chairman: Professor YANO Yuji, Ryutsu Keizai University) of the Physical Internet Realization Council, which is led by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), has formulated the Standard Guidelines for Chemical Logistics Information for the standardization of data in chemical logistics, with the aim of addressing the shortage of transportation capacity caused by the "2024 problem" in logistics, and expanding collaborative logistics in the chemical industry.



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The Chemicals Working Group currently includes one university and 86 companies, most of them consignors and logistics providers, and sees participation from the Japan Chemical Industry Association, the Japan Petrochemical Industry Association, and several relevant divisions from METI, MLIT, and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, among other bodies. Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., the Mitsubishi Chemical Group, Tosoh Corporation, and Toray Industries, Inc. serve as the joint secretariat.

For further information, please see the following materials.

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## **What We Do**

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