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News

Publication of Korean version of the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs) for worldwide use

Published Korean version of the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs) for 1,783 chemical substances, co-developed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and World Health Organization (WHO)

Expected to improve safety and health by increasing the accessibility of safety and health information for chemical substances handled in workplaces

The Ministry of Employment and Labor (Minister : Kyung-duk An) recently completed the translation and production of Korean version of the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs*) in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (President : Doo-yong Park).

* ICSCs: International Chemical Safety Cards

- The International Chemical Safety Cards are cards that were developed in the 1980s by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and World Health Organization (WHO) to efficiently convey and disseminate accurate information on chemical substances.
 - Cards for a total of 1,783 chemical substances have been produced in 11 languages,* including English, Chinese, and Japanese, with the Korean version now having been added as the 12th language.

* English, Chinese, Japanese, Finnish, French, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Russian, and Spanish

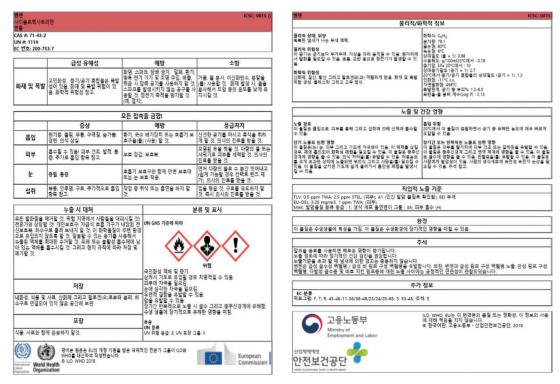
News

Publication of Korean version of the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs) for worldwide use

The International Chemical Safety Cards present essential safety and health information on various chemical substances, including characteristics and risks, accident prevention measures, and emergency response tips, in a concise manner via a two-page card.

* Characteristics of substances : substance perception information, physical/chemical characteristics, etc.

▲ Hazard and risk information : acute hazard information, effects on human body in cases of short-/long-term exposure, risk of fire/explosion, etc.



▲ Prevention/response : accident prevention, emergency response, occupational exposure criteria, storage conditions, etc.

(Picture1) An example[Benzen] of ICSC in Korean

The publication of the Korean version of the International Chemical Safety Cards has enabled Korean users inside and outside of the nation, such as safety and health managers of Korean companies overseas and Korean workers employed overseas, to easily access and use safety and health information on chemical substances.

- This is expected to improve workplace safety and health in various ways, such as preventing accidents and occupational diseases.

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Meanwhile, the International Chemical Safety Cards can be used as reference data in the process of preparing and reviewing the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS),** in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

- * For the chemical substances included in the harmful factor classification criteria of the Occupational Safety and Health Act or mixtures including these substances, the Material Safety Data Sheet should be prepared, submitted, provided, and published, as defined by related law, and it should be used to provide relevant education.
- ** MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) : This is a manual for the safe use of chemical substances that provides 16 items of data, including hazard/risk information and handling methods.

The Korean version of the International Chemical Safety Cards is publicly available on the International Labour Organization website, so anyone can access it or print it out.

- Furthermore, the Ministry of Employment and Labor plans to keep it up to date in collaboration with the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency and International Labour Organization.

* The ILO and WHO update 50 to 100 cards every year, including the production of new cards and modification and supplementation of existing cards.

Director Gil-jun Noh of International Cooperation Bureau in the Ministry of Employment and Labor said, "We hope that the recent publication of the Korean version of the International Chemical Safety Cards will help improve the safety and health of Korean employees and be of assistance to companies both inside and outside of Korea."

 He also said, "We hope that this will serve as an opportunity to further strengthen cooperation with major international organizations, such as International Labour Organization and World Health Organization, in the occupational safety and health sector."

News

Prevent Fall Accidents from Rooftop Works by Installing Safety Cover

Supports Up to 30 Million KRW for New Development and Business Sites with Installation of Skylight Safety Cover

> The KOSHA newly developed a safety cover for skylights in order to eradicate fatal fall accidents frequently occurring during the rooftop works.

> The KOSHA also visited the constructions site of photovoltaic lighting system located in Milyang-si, where a safety cover for skylight is newly installed with the subsidies from the KOSHA, and inspected the workability and safety of the safety cover.

> A total of 183 fatal fall accidents were occurred during rooftop works for the past 5 years (2016 through 2020), and analysis showed that many accidents were caused by the damaged roof, such as skylights, and failure of wearing essential personal protective gear, i.e. safety harness, from the main causes of fatal accidents.

% (Number of deaths) 30 deaths as of August 20, 2021

Accordingly, the KOSHA newly developed a safety cover dedicated to skylights on the roof in last April in order to prevent fall accidents due to damaged skylights during rooftop works.

 The KOSHA developed the standards on performance and production of safety covers for skylights made of aluminum with the weight of approximately 3.8Kg in order to ensure easy installation at the sites but with reliable endurance against

certain weights and shocks.



Damaged rooftop materials (example)



Safety cover dedicated for skylights on rooftops

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- In addition, the KOSHA offers subsidies in order to assure wide distribution of safety covers since last May.
- Eligibility for the subsidy extends to the head offices of construction businesses with experiences in rooftop works but with less than 50 full-time employees where up to 30 million KRW is offered to assist 70% of purchasing costs.

The safety covers for skylights installed at the construction sites of photovoltaic lighting system recently visited by the KOSHA were also purchased by Daegwang Power Corporation, a subcontractor of KT, with the subsidy from the KOSHA.

- On-site inspections were conducted on the safety covers for skylights, mainly focusing on its easy-to-install features and potential interference with photovoltaic lighting system.
- Sang-sik Chung, the Representative Director of Daegwang Power Corporation, said, "After installing the safety covers for skylights, we now can deploy workers with peace of mind," and strongly recommended the installation of safety covers for other rooftop work sites.

Jang-jin Ryu, the Vice President for OSH Programs of the KOSHA, said, "I sincerely hope that all fatal accidents from fall accidents during rooftop works would be completely eliminated through development of and monetary supports for safety covers for skylights." He also added, "The KOSHA will continue engaging in communications with worksites and plans to offer more supports by expanding the items of financial supports in order to bring practical assistances to reduce the industrial accidents."

OSHRI

Forecasting of changes in OSH after the COVID-19 pandemic

OSHRI published research report forecasting changes in OSH in the post-COVID-19 era? What will the issues and challenges of OSH be in the post-COVID-19 era?

The Occupational Safety and Health Research Institute (OSHRI) (Director General : Eun-a Kim) has published "New Challenges of OSH in the Post-COVID-19 Era" to guide research on occupational safety and health (OSH) in the post-COVID-19 era.

- This report is composed of four main topics: A change in the employment and labor environment and blind spots of safety and health caused by COVID-19, A prevention of accidents and death in the post-COVID-19 era, A digital-based workplaces and working from home safely, and A approach to occupational health for workers in occupational health blind spots.
- The OSHRI has also suggested 10 research topics related to the roles and responses of OSH in the post-COVID-19 era, and announced its plan to conduct research on these topics starting next year.

The research report collected, and reflected in its results, opinions of people from all walks of life gathered through six relay forums held in April and May under the topic "OSH Forecast and Challenges in the Post-COVID-19 Era."

- The forums covered several topics : A safety of platform laborers with a focus on delivery workers and safety of logistic center workers amid the expansion of the online distribution market (Apr. 6), A measures to protect the health of platform and care workers (Apr. 9),
 A assessment of changes in the safety and health environment with the expansion of working from home and identification of risks (Apr. 22), A legal and institutional measures to protect vulnerable groups and blind spots of safety and health (Apr. 28), A risk assessment of the increasing use of robots in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Apr. 29), OSH forecast and future challenges in the post-COVID-19 era (May. 27).
- The forums are publicly available on OSHRI's YouTube channel and can be watched by topic or speaker.

The OSHRI report forecasting the post-COVID-19 era is published on its website (www.kosha.or.kr/oshri), so anyone who is interested can download the report.

OSHRI Director General Eun-a Kim said, "We need to pay special attention to the changes in OSH caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and proactively prepare to ensure safety and health in the post-COVID-19 era." She also added, "It is urgent to come up with new safety and health governance as the risks brought about by the pandemic are now becoming normalized.

OSHRI Forecasting of changes in OSH after the COVID-19 pandemic Report on the New Challenges of OSH in the Post-COVID-19 Era Attachment 1 포스트 코로나 시대 안전보건 전망과 해결과제 포스트 코로나 시대 안전보건 전망과 해결과제 New Challenge Cover page of Report on the 85599999 안전보건공단 New Challenges of OSH 8009999 안전보건공단 OSHRI in the Post-COVID-19 Era [for image reference]

Attachment 2 Suggested OSH research items in the post-COVID-19 era (10 research items)

Торіс	No.	Name of research
Changes in employmen and labor environment		 Review of effectiveness of safety and health law and policy critereflecting the types of labor Research to expand the criteria for work-related accidents
	2	 Seeking protective measures for new vulnerable groups in terms safety and health from a gender perspective in the pandemic era
	3	 Research to suggest alternatives for preventing accidents of tw wheeled vehicle delivery platform workers
Accident and death	4	 Research to improve the safety of industrial robot systems lifecycle
prevention	5	 Research to secure safety by lifecycle toward preventing la accidents at logistics centers
	6	 Development of systematic accident analysis model and man in consideration of industry characteristics
	7	 Creation of dynamic industrial health system to respond to t emergence of new hazardous factors and new types of employme
Vulnerable groups	8	 Means of facilitating collective intelligence in industrial health Networking of small-scale workplaces and/or vulnerable workers
	9	Employment status of care workers and health protection measu
Working from home	10	 Research to develop a guideline for maintaining health wh working from home

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Attachment 3

Details of "OSH Forecast and Challenges in the Post-COVID-19 Era" forums(held between Apr. 6 and May 27)

Time	Торіс
Apr 6 (Tues)	 Securing safety of platform laborers: with a focus on delivery workers Presentation: platform labor from the perspective of delivery, social issues of two-wheele vehicle delivery platform workers, and measures to strengthen the safety net for deliver platform workers Discussion: change of network structure and workforce trends, status of industrial accident and results of fact-finding surveys conducted inside and outside of Korea Risks of logistics centers with the expansion and transformation of the online distributio market Presentation: current status of safety in the construction of logistics centers and futur responses Discussion: institutional and social issues, operational status of logistics centers and forecas of construction environment, status of industrial disasters, and derivation of implication through analysis of cases of fire accidents at logistics centers
Apr. 9 (Fri.)	 Measures to protect the health of platform workers Presentation: cases of medical checkups of platform workers and measures to promote th health of platform workers Measures to protect the health of care workers Status of female workers' safety and health risks in the post-COVID-19 era and policy issue (focusing on care workers)
Apr. 22 (Thur.) 14:00-15:40	 Digital-based workplaces and working from home safely Presentation: changes in safety and health environment brought about by the expansion of working from home, status of working from home and safety and health policy, risk of safety and health environment, cases of policy to support working from home, relate Korean law and overseas policy (ILO, Europe, and U.S.), applicability and risks of working from home (focusing on case analysis of ILO, OSHA, literature, etc.), physical factors and health risks of working from home (electromagnetic waves, ambient and environmental noise, lighting etc.), indoor dust and health risks, ergonomic problems and health risks, and psychosocial problems and health risks of working from home (sense of isolation, depression, etc.)
Apr. 28 (Wed.) 14:00-16:10	 Protection of vulnerable groups and safety and health blind spots (legal and institution, measures and prediction of risk factors and implications) Presentation: magnitude of blind spots of social protection in the COVID-19 era and directio of alternative policy, direction for legal and institutional improvement to respond to the new labor environment, comparison of working environments before and after the COVID-1 pandemic, and trend of changes and forecast by industry/type of employment during the pandemic
Apr. 29 (Thur.) 14:00-17:00	 Risks of using robots, the number of which will soon match that of laborers Presentation: co-existence of robots and humans and how to secure safety and recent trence of robot safety and measures for technological response Discussion: trend of discussion to secure the safety of robots inside and outside the nation measures to secure safety through fact-finding analysis of robot use, forecast of robot use robot safety issues, status of industrial accidents involving industrial robots, and cases an implications of Korean and international accidents involving intelligent robots Targets of deadly accident prevention and research topics in the post-COVID-19 era
May. 27 (Thur.) 14:00-16:10	 Forecast of OSH and future challenges in the post-COVID 19 era (open discussion)

International Convention on Workers' Health Protection to Be Held for Post-COVID-19 Era

OSHRI Hosts Regular Meeting of Asia Occupational Safety and Health Research Institute (AOSHRI) on the 14th

> A meeting will be held to discuss the direction of safety and health studies in the post-COVID-19 era and engage in international joint researches.

> OSHRI holds the "8th Regular Meeting of Asia Occupational Safety and Health Research Institute (AOSHRI* 2021)" at 11:00am on the 14th (Tuesday) via online.

* Asia Occupational Safety and Health Research Institute (AOSHRI)

- The theme of the upcoming meeting is "Challenges for Occupational Safety and Health during Post-COVID-19 Era," where Director General Kim is to deliver the presentation of the theme and achievements of joint researches by Taiwan and Thailand on the 4th Industrial Revolution and OSH as well as worldwide trends of researches and exemplary research cases will be shared.
 - The meeting is designed to share current issues of international OSH and solutions for ongoing problems and also to identify new joint research projects.
- Regular meetings of AOSHRI have been held every 2 years since founded in 2004 and participated by OSH-related researches institutes and related agencies from 14 Asian nations, including Japan (JNIOSH), Singapore (WSHI) and Malaysia (NIOSH Malaysia).

Eun-A Kim, the Director General of OSHRI, said, "Safety and health of workers at workplaces and protection of their lives now became a significant task on hand after the entire world experienced COVID-19."

— "I truly hope that this upcoming regular meeting of AOSHRI as well as International Occupational Hygiene Association would serve as a place of practical discussions to present new directions of future studies to protect workers and substitute the implementation of joint researches," Kim added.

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Publication of best practices for safety inspection and certification of hazardous machines

Contains 121 review (inspection) cases, including cranes and lifts, and to be released on October 27

The Occupational Safety & Health Certification Institute (OSHCI) (Director General : Young-tae Kim) publishes and disseminates a best practices casebook to improve review (inspection) technologies for the safety inspection and certification of hazardous machines in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act and share safety measures for the manufacturing and use of such machines.

- The safety inspection and certification of hazardous machines, which is widely applied to cranes and lifts on industrial sites, is a legal system for securing safety in the manufacturing and use of dangerous machines that are prone to accidents.
- Safety certification involves the examination of documents and products to secure fundamental safety at the stages of manufacturing and import, whereas safety inspection checks whether safety is maintained at the stage of use.

Since 2019, the KOSHA has been conducting a best practices contest to help strengthen the substantiality of the system. The recentlypublished best practices casebook contains 121 best practices selected through the best practices contest based on the safety inspection and certification activities conducted by the OSHCI in 2020 and 2021 as well as by private safety inspection institutions (Korea Elevator Safety Agency, Korea Industrial Safety Association, and Korea Safety Technology Association).

 The cases of safety inspection and certification are categorized by hazardous machines and equipment, including cranes, lifts, and pressure vessels, and the casebook includes the main reasons for nonconformity organized by review technique and machine.

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Publication of best practices for safety inspection and certification of hazardous machines

In particular, the top best practice of 2021, for resolving "defect causing lifting magnet of overhead crane to stick," was rated excellent in terms of its accident prevention effect and scope of application.

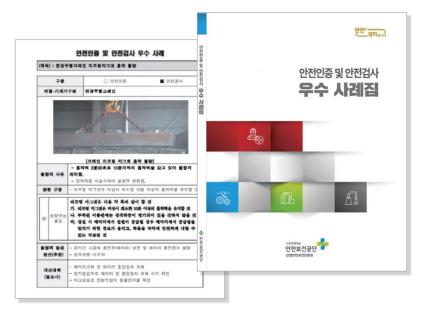
The best practices casebook will be provided to OSHCI branches nationwide and private safety inspection institutions (Korea Elevator Safety Agency, Korea Industrial Safety Association, and Korea Safety Technology Association).

 The casebook will be also posted on the website for our comprehensive database of hazardous machines and devices (miis.kosha.or.kr) so that it is widely shared.
 ※ Search notice board → Notification → Best practice

OSHCI Director General Young-tae Kim said, "I hope this casebook will be used as a good reference and guideline by manufacturers, users, and reviewers (inspectors) of dangerous machines."

 He also stated, "The OSHCI will continue working hard to improve the review (inspection) technologies of each institution by actively identifying and widely sharing best practices and ensure that laborers benefit from such practices on industrial sites."

Attachment Safety inspection and certification best practices casebook



Guideline on How to Safely Put on Protective Gear

Production and Distribution of Guideline on Purchase/Use of Welding Mask

Safety and health of workers are being threatened by the use of products of which safety is not certified because personal protection gears of which safety is not verified without safety certification are being disguised as safety-certified products and falsely advertised or sold/distributed throughout industrial sites.

OSHCI of the KOSHA produces and distributes the OPL series of "Guideline on How to Safely Put on Protective Gear" in order to prevent the use of uncertified protective gears and promote the use of properly safetycertified products.

- The first series concerns the 'welding mask' where the guideline is prepared in a single page in order to help users easily understanding what to look out for, including how to verify KCs safety certification, how to purchase and how to use.
 - During purchase of protective gears via online or offline, it is important for users to verify KCs safety certification which guarantees safety and protection performances. Safety certification of products can be verified through the official website of the OSHCI.
 - Even when major consumables (filter and cover plate) of a welding mask currently in use are replaced, users need to pay attention to whether the replacing consumables are authentic products since only authentic components are able to warrant protection performances of the protective gear concerned.
 - When selecting a welding mask, users need to choose a product with a shade level suitable to harmful rays generated during operations based on the type of operations, and ensure the protection performance not to be deteriorated, such as arbitrary modification of the protective gear concerned.

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Guideline on How to Safely Put on Protective Gear

The OPL series concerned is scheduled to be distributed to over 4,500 sites, including manufacturers with at least 100 employees, manufacturers of products subject to safety certification and voluntary safety verification reporting and related agencies around the nation, and the details can be verified through the official website of the KOSHA.

The KOSHA also plans to publish a total of 12 OPL series of "Guideline on How to Safely Put on Protective Gear" subject to safety certification, including safety helmet, safety harness and safety goggles, which will be unveiled through its official website in the near future.

Young-Tae Kim, the Director General of OSHCI, said, "It is important to keep in mind that safety-certified products must be employed for protective gears in order to protect the safety and life of workers, and we are determined to eradicate uncertified products from industrial sites through continuous public education."

OSHFI

"No More" Delivery by Two-Wheeled Vehicle Pushed to Speed Competition

KOSHA's Pilot Project on Big Data Collection through Real-Time Monitoring

- **#1.** Mr. Kim, a delivery worker affiliated with A Company specialized in local delivery, was overwhelmed with soaring demands for delivery on Friday evening in June, 2021. Despite 2 alerts from automatic allocations for a pick-up in 20 minutes, he didn't know which to pick up first because of substantial distance between two restaurants. As the target delivery time is gradually shortened, the letters displaying the time is now red-colored. All he can do now is to escalate the speed of his two-wheeled vehicle.
- **#2.** Mr. Park, a delivery worker who joined the delivery platform B, only delivers one order at a time but becomes agonized every time he faces a red light. His location and expected arrival time is notified to a customer in real time, but he only has the address to deliver. He has to worry about possibility for disadvantages from delivery assignments if he ever gets unfavorable review for failing to meet the expected delivery time.

The KOSHA launched the "Two-Wheeled Vehicle Real-Time Monitoring Project" in order to understand the current situations surrounding dangerous delivery practices, including speeding by two-wheeled vehicle, and calculate the safe delivery time.

The "Two-Wheeled Vehicle Real-Time Monitoring Project" is a pilot project aiming to collect basic data in order to develop a system capable of calculating safe delivery time in real time through collection and analysis of big data on driving by delivery workers.

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- Driving data will be collected in real time from over 100 delivery workers in 5 regions, such as Seoul, Gyeonggi-do, Incheon, Busan and Gwangju, through installation of IoT device equipped with LTE communication modules at twowheeled vehicle for about 4 months.
 - The project is designed to collect the information on speed fluctuation during straight movements and turns by means of GPS signals and 6-axis sensors (3 axes for acceleration and 3 axes for Gyro).
- With collected data, analysis will be conducted upon driving information, realtime traffic volume and weather (temperature, rainfall, snowfall, etc.) together with Hanyang University (Department of Transportation & Logistics Engineering).
 - It plans to present a guideline on safe driving by establishing the regions prone for accident risks and aims to develop the 'safe delivery time calculation system' designed to provide guidance in real time based on calculation of safe delivery time and unveil the system in Open-API* during the second half of this year.

* Open Application Programmer Interface is an open computer program applicable to existing program or capable of comparing calculated data.

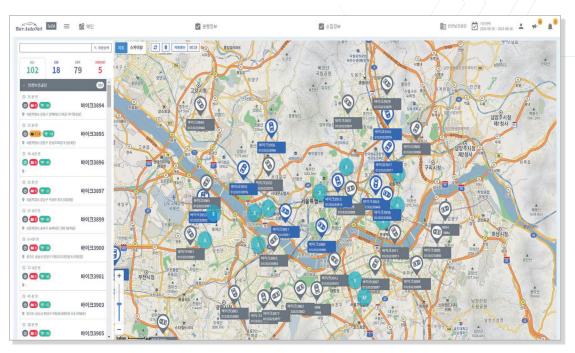
Moon-Do Lee, the Director General of the Occupational Safety & Health Future Technology Institute (OSHFI), said, "With prolonged COVID-19, both delivery demands and delivery-related accidents are surging." He stressed, "We are dedicated to gradually reducing fatal accidents for two-wheeled vehicle delivery workers by planning a new accidentprevention business system and distribute the system for business sites to easily use the system."

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Addenda

Screen of Real-Time Pilot Monitoring (big data collection) System for Two-Wheeled Vehicle



Screen of Real-Time Monitoring System for Two-Wheeled Vehicle



Example of the system on calculation of safe delivery time currently under development in a format of navigation service (scheduled for pilot operation in the 2^{nd} half of 2021)

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