

Information Security

Basic Policy for Information Security established as a guideline for all employees

The Hitachi Chemical Group considers that the key to information security lies in the security measures taken by the whole group management as well as each individual user of the information system being aware of the importance of it. The Group established the Basic Policy for Information Security as rules to ensure and protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the total information assets in April 2004. And the Group established an environment in which it prevents loss of business and social credibility.

Management System for Information Security

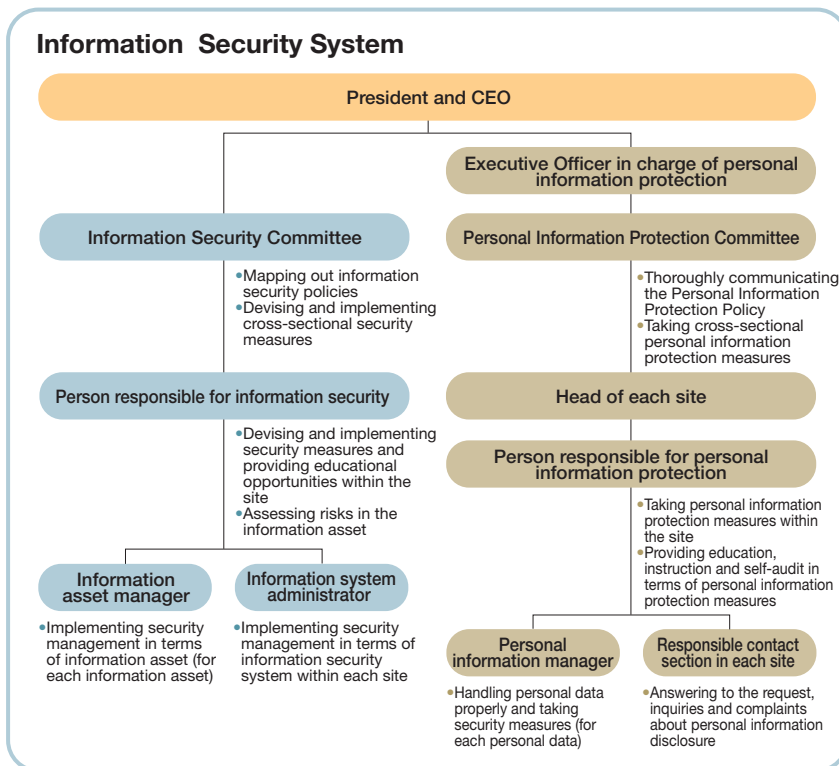
In April 2004, Hitachi Chemical established the Information Security Committee as a umbrella organization in terms of information security under the President and Chief Executive Officer. The committee maps out information security policies; and develops and implements cross-sectional security measures. It also provides educational opportunities using the Network Manual for the Company's intranet users and obligates them to submit a written pledge in terms of information security.

In 2004, Hitachi Chemical introduced the Standards for Information Security Measures to define how to comply with the Basic

Policy for Information Security. At the same time, the Information Security Manual was also prepared to define procedures to smoothly implement the issues specified in the Standards and implemented in all sites in October 2004.

The system to protect personal information

To be prepared for the total enforcement of the Personal Information Protection Act in April 2005, the Hitachi Chemical Group set up the Personal Information Protection Committee in October 2004 and laid down the Personal Information Protection Policy, the Personal Information Management Rules, and the Personal Information Protection Manual in December 2004.



The Outline of Personal Information Protection Policy

Hitachi Chemical protects personal information appropriately by this policy.

1. Hitachi Chemical collects, uses, and provides personal information about customers etc. appropriately.
2. Hitachi Chemical complies with all laws and regulations concerning personal information, and lays down internal regulations based on these laws and regulations.
3. Hitachi Chemical secures confidentiality and integrity of personal information through conforming to rules concerning information security.
4. Hitachi Chemical respects the personal rights concerning personal information. When our customer etc. requests to modify or to delete the personal information about him/her, or other actions, Hitachi Chemical responds sincerely to his/her needs.
5. Hitachi Chemical makes sure that executive staff and workers recognize the importance of personal information protection, and improves quality of personal information protection continuously.