

# A CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROJECT FACT SHEET

## Highlights of Water Pollution Control Laws and Regulations in China

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<b>Law and Regulations</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Effective</b>
<i>Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention of Vessel-induced Sea Pollution</i>	Preventing sea pollution by ships to protect the marine ecological environment	The State Council	December 29, 1983
<i>Regulation on Controlling Dumping of Wastes in the Ocean</i>	Aims to control the dumping of wastes into the ocean; prevents damage to the marine environment	The State Council	March 6, 1985
<i>Interim Regulations on the Management of Water Pollutant Emission Permits</i>	Strengthens the supervision and management of water pollution	SEPA	March 20, 1988
<i>Regulations on Pollution Control in Drinking Water Source Protection Areas</i>	Aims to prioritize the protection of drinking water sources	SPEA; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Construction; Ministry of Water Resources; Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources	July 10, 1989
<i>Regulation on Prevention of Pollution of Marine Environment by Land-sourced Pollutants</i>	Strengthens the supervision and management of land-sourced pollutants	The State Council	August 1, 1990
<i>Interim Regulations on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution Within the Huai River Basin</i>	Strengthens water pollution controls in the Huai River with the goal of improving water quality	The State Council	August 8, 1995
<i>Chinese Law on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution</i>	Aims to prevent water pollution, and protects the environment	The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress	May 15, 1996

<i>Regulation on Investigation and Treatment of Pollution Accidents in Fishing Areas</i>	Aims to investigate and deal with fishing area pollution accidents	Ministry of Agriculture	March 26, 1997
<i>Regulation on Wastes from Vessels and Solid Waste Pollution in Yangtze River</i>	Aims to prevent solid and vessel waste from being dumped into the Yangtze River	Ministry of Communications; Ministry of Construction; SEPA	December 24, 1997
<i>Provisions for the Implementation of the Law on Prevention and Control of Water Pollution</i>	Ensures the implementation of the Law on Prevention and Control of Water Pollution; aims to strengthen the supervision and management of water pollution control	The State Council	March 20, 2000
<i>Marine Environment Protection Law of the People's Republic of China</i>	Aims to protect the marine environment and resources, prevent pollution damage, maintain ecological balance, and protect human health	The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress	April 1, 2000
<i>Regulation on the Management of Key Pollution Emission Permits in the Huai River and Tai Lake Basins</i>	Controls the key pollutants emission in the Huai River and Tai Lake Basins; strengthens the supervision and management of water pollution control	SEPA	July 2, 2001
<i>Water Law of the People's Republic of China (Amendment of 1988 Law)</i>	Regulates water resources exploration, utilization, protection, and management; includes provisions strengthening power of river basin commissions	The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress	October 2, 2002

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