

4. Chemical Substance Manager and Chemical Substance Handling Group

When the faculty and staff members of the University handle chemical substances for education, research, inspection, measurement, etc., the faculty or staff member responsible for the activity serves as the “Chemical Substance Manager” (hereinafter referred to as “the Manager”). A Chemical Substance Handling Group (hereinafter referred to as “a Group”) is organized under the Manager. The Manager can have two or more Groups as necessary. If the Manager is too busy to ensure management of chemical substances of a Group, a Chemical Substance Management Promoter may be appointed from among the faculty and staff members in the Group to assist in the duties (Article 6, Paragraph 3 of the Rules).

5. Chemical Substance Handlers

An individual who is affiliated with a Group to handle chemical substances is referred to as a Chemical Substance Handler (hereinafter referred to as “a Handler”). For example, a secretary who transports experiment waste liquids is a Handler (Article 3 (6) of the Rules). A Handler must follow the measures implemented by authorized personnel of the management system for chemical substances in accordance with the laws and regulations, etc. and the Rules (Article 7 of the Rules). A Handler (student in particular) must be enrolled in the Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research or other accident insurance, etc. (Article 8 of the Rules).

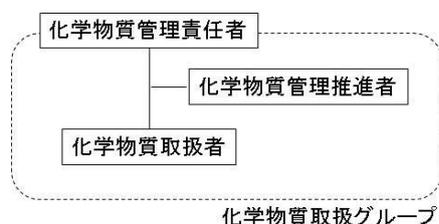


Fig. 2-2 Management system for chemical substances at Kumamoto University (in a Group)

6. Chemical Substance Management Support System YAKUMO

Kumamoto University developed its proprietary Chemical Substance Management Support System (hereinafter referred to as “YAKUMO”). YAKUMO is used to promote management of chemical substances and reduce the workload of the faculty and staff members. YAKUMO can display regulatory information related to chemical substances on the system. The use of YAKUMO helps understand the toxicity and hazards of chemical substances.

The University Rules require that chemical substances possessed by Groups be registered in YAKUMO (Article 9 of the Rules).



Figure 2-3 YAKUMO start screen