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Classification of Environmental Functions

Global Consultation

Comments Form

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Question 1: Do you have any comments on the proposed structure of the Classification of Environmental Functions?

The Classification of Environmental Functions (CEF) summarizes and inherits the long-standing European Union Classification of Environmental Protection Activities (CEPA), and is a persuasive and practical system of environmental protection standards, which is an important support for both environmental protection practices and environmental management decisions. China's environmental protection standards are mainly managed and issued by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, and there is a standard system more suitable for China's national conditions basically in shape. The CEF will be a useful reference for China's work in this area as it continues to develop and improve its environmental standards system amid the fight against pollution.

Question 2. Do you have any comments on the explanatory notes and on the heading reference?

None

Question 3. Do you have any other comments on the Classification of Environmental Functions?

CEF is a new standard based on the EU experience, and in the future will be considered to be included in international statistical classification standards. Therefore, we believe that the development of CEF should avoid going too far ahead, as it is necessary to fully consider the actual situations of different countries and to conduct research and demonstration of national basic data, so that the classification standards can be applicable to a wider range.