

## Explanation of Terms

### *PRTR (page 21)*

#### 1. The PRTR System

The Pollutant Release and Transfer Register dates back to 1992 when the first Earth Summit was held in Brazil. The summit had as its primary objective the formation of an action plan called Agenda 21 for mankind to promote sustainable development strategies. Article 19 covers suitable ways to conduct the environmental management of harmful substances. The article includes risk evaluations of various chemicals, the supply and exchange of related information, risk management and other subjects.

Based on this agreement, the OECD directed in 1996 that member countries prepare and implement a system for registering the release and transfer of pollutants. This system was to be modeled on similar systems in place in Europe and North America. Furthermore, the information was to be formulated so that it could be used by the public.

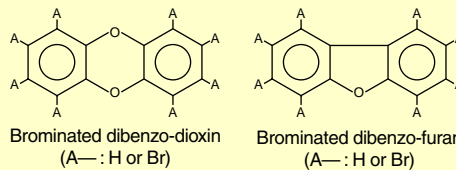
In Japan, Keidanren, through the Environment Agency, implemented a system for monitoring the emissions and movements of chemicals in 1997 at 45 participating industrial organizations.

#### 2. How PRTR Functions

- 1) Monitors emissions, disposals and other releases into the environment (air, water, soil) of potentially harmful chemicals.
- 2) Data are provided to the applicable government agencies.
- 3) Data are released to the public either in their unaltered form or after revisions.

### *Halogen-Free Flame-Retardant Plastics (page 30)*

The chemical structure of conventional bromine-based flame-retardant materials closely resembles that of the toxic compounds dibenzo-dioxin or dibenzo-furan. As a result, the reaction of such materials with dioxin or furan compounds can occur quite easily at high temperatures. Preventing these chemical interactions demands the use of "halogen-free" flame-retardant materials, which contain no chlorine, bromine, fluorine or other halogens.

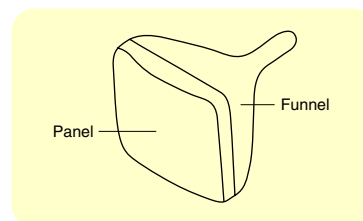


CEM-3: A substrate composed of a material made from nonwoven glass fibers and a woven fabric that is copper plated on both sides.

FR-4: A substrate composed of a woven glass fiber fabric that is copper plated on both sides.

### *Panel/Funnel (page 35)*

The panel is the surface over which the image is generated. The funnel-shaped rear section is enclosed with a special type of glass that is impregnated with lead.



CRT= Cathode Ray Tube

### *Stakeholder (page 45)*

In the case of environmental matters, a stakeholder refers to customers, shareholders, other investors, vendors, government agencies, the media, research organizations, non-governmental organizations, employees and all other parties that come into contact with Sony in any manner.

### *Site Report (page 45)*

At Sony, a Site Report is an environmental report issued by an individual business location or business unit.