Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

To manufacture products that are friendly to both humans and the environment, we implemented environmentally preferable purchasing in March 2001. This requires environmental awareness from the stage of procuring materials and parts.

In FY 2001, the first year of our environmentally preferable purchasing efforts, we performed a survey to check the environmental awareness of our suppliers and held meetings to fully educate those involved on our environmentally preferable purchasing guidelines.

Survey Results on Supplier Environmental Awareness

We surveyed the 847 companies which do business with us (excluding equipment and logistics) on environmentally preferable purchasing guidelines. The average score among suppliers was 53.8 points. (Survey results were tallied on December 25, 2001.)

Because of these results, TOYOTA Material Handling Company held training sessions for its suppliers to allow them to boost their scores. The aim of the company's training sessions is to improve the average score of its suppliers to above 60 points for the next survey, which was scheduled to be held in July 2002.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Guideline Meeting

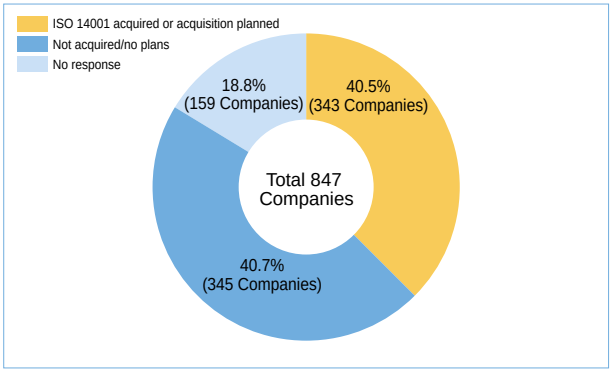
In the Compressor Division, the Engine Division, and TOYOTA Material Handling Company, we held an explanatory meeting for the environmentally preferable purchasing guidelines.

We explained trends in product environmental regulations which are likely to become stricter and also policies on how each division plans to respond to these laws. In addition, for all business partners, specific requests were made to examine the use of substances of concern and to find alternatives to improve the environmental soundness of the parts we use.

EU ELV is set to be enacted in 2003. To comply with this law, we are asking suppliers to report their use of the four banned substances*1 and submit plans by December 2002 for finding alternative materials.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Meeting at the Engine Division

2001 Environmental Awareness Survey Results



Training Session

Environmental Management Survey

*1 The four banned substances are lead, mercury, cadmium, and hexavalent chromium (see page 16).