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# **Notice Regarding Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation**

Sumitomo Chemical (the "Company") hereby announces that, at its Board of Directors' meeting held on May 14, 2025, it resolved to propose "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" to the 144th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, which is scheduled to be held on June 20, 2025.

### 1. Purposes of the Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

- (1) As announced in the "Notice Regarding Sumitomo Chemical's Transition to a Company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee" dated March 3, 2025, the Company will transition to a Company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee, subject to approval at the 144th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, which is scheduled to be held on June 20, 2025. In conjunction with such transition, the Company intends to newly establish provisions regarding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members and the Audit and Supervisory Committee and delete provisions regarding the Audit and Supervisory Board, as well as newly establish a provision regarding delegation of decisions on execution of important operations to Directors.
- (2) While resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company will generally be made at actual Board of Directors' meetings, in order to achieve more flexible decision-making by the Board of Directors, the Company intends to newly establish a provision pursuant to which the Company may deem a resolution of the Board of Directors to be passed with the consent of the Directors, either in writing or by electromagnetic record, pursuant to Article 370 of the Companies Act.
- (3) In addition to the above, necessary amendments, including editorial changes, in conjunction with the above amendments, will be made.

#### 2. Details of the Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

The details of the amendments are as set out in the attachment.

## 3. Schedule

- Date of the General Meeting of Shareholders to amend the Articles of Incorporation: June 20, 2025 (tentative)
- Effective Date of the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation: June 20, 2025 (tentative)

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Present Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS	CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS
Article 4 (Governing Bodies of the Company) In addition to the General Meeting of Shareholders and Directors, the Company shall have the following: 1. Board of Directors, 2. Audit & Supervisory Board Members, 3. Audit & Supervisory Board, and 4. Accounting Auditors.	Article 4 (Governing Bodies of the Company) In addition to the General Meeting of Shareholders and Directors, the Company shall have the following: 1. Board of Directors, 2. Audit & Supervisory Committee, and (Deleted) 3. Accounting Auditors.
CHAPTER IV - DIRECTORS AND BOARD	CHAPTER IV - DIRECTORS AND BOARD
OF DIRECTORS	OF DIRECTORS
Article 17 (Number of Directors)	Article 17 (Number of Directors)
The Company shall have not more than fifteen	(i) The Company shall have not more than
(15) Directors.	ten (10) Directors (excluding Directors
	who are Audit & Supervisory
	Committee Members).
(Newly established)	(ii) The Company shall have not more than
	five (5) Directors who are Audit &
	Supervisory Committee Members.
Article 18 (Election of Directors)	Article 18 (Election of Directors)
(Newly established)	(i) Directors shall be elected by a
(Ivewiy established)	resolution of a General Meeting of Shareholders,
	and such election shall be implemented by
	distinguishing between Director who are Audit
	& Supervisory Committee Members and other
	<u>Directors.</u>
(i) A resolution for the election of Directors	(ii) (Unchanged)
shall be made by a majority of the votes	
of the shareholders present at a General	
Meeting of Shareholders at which the	
shareholders having not less than one-	

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	third (1/3) of the voting rights held by		
	the shareholders having the right to vote		
	shall be present.		
<u>(ii)</u>	A resolution for the election of Directors	<u>(iii)</u>	(Unchanged)
	shall not be made by cumulative voting.		
Articl	e 19 (Term of Office of Directors)	Articl	e 19 (Term of Office of Directors)
The te	erm of office of a Director shall expire at	<u>(i)</u>	The term of office of a Director
the tin	ne of termination of an Ordinary General		(excluding Directors who are Audit &
Meeti	Meeting of Shareholders with respect to the last		Supervisory Committee Members) shall
fiscal	year ending within one (1) year from his		expire at the time of termination of an
or her	election.		Ordinary General Meeting of
			Shareholders with respect to the last
			fiscal year ending within one (1) year
			from his or her election.
	(Newly established)	<u>(ii)</u>	The term of office of a Director who is
			an Audit & Supervisory Committee
			Member shall expire at the time of
			termination of an Ordinary General
			Meeting of Shareholders with respect to
			the last fiscal year ending within two (2)
			years from his or her election.
	(Newly established)	(iii)	The term of office of a Director who is
			an Audit & Supervisory Committee
			Member elected to fill a vacancy caused
			by retirement of a Director who was an
			Audit & Supervisory Committee
			Member prior to the expiration of his or
			her term of office shall expire at the
			expiry of the term of office of such
			retiring Director who was an Audit &
			Supervisory Committee Member.
	(Newly established)	(iv)	A resolution for the election of a
			substitute Director who is an Audit &
			Supervisory Committee Member
			pursuant to Article 329, Paragraph 3 of

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	the Companies Act shall remain in effect
	until the time of commencement of an
	Ordinary General Meeting of
	Shareholders with respect to the last
	fiscal year ending within two (2) years
	from his or her election.
Article 20 (Notice to Convene Board of	Article 20 (Notice to Convene Board of
Directors' Meeting)	Directors' Meeting)
A convocation notice for each Board of	A convocation notice for each Board of
Directors' Meeting shall be dispatched to each	Directors' Meeting shall be dispatched to each
Director and each Audit & Supervisory Board	Director at least three (3) days before the
Member at least three (3) days before the	scheduled date of such meeting; provided,
scheduled date of such meeting; provided,	however, that such period may be shortened in
however, that such period may be shortened in	case of urgency.
case of urgency.	
	Article 21 (Omission of Resolution of a Board
	of Directors)
(Newly established)	In the event a Director submits a proposal with
	respect to a matter which is the purpose of a
	resolution of a Board of Directors' Meeting, if
	all of the Directors (limited to those who are
	entitled to participate in votes with respect to
	such matter) indicate their consent to such
	proposal, either in writing or by electromagnetic
	record, it shall be deemed by the Company that
	the resolution of the Board of Directors to
	approve such proposal has been passed.
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Article 21 (Representative Directors, etc.)	Article 22 (Representative Directors, etc.)
(i) The Board of Directors shall designate	(i) The Board of Directors shall designate
one (1) or more Representative	one (1) or more Representative
Director(s) by its resolution.	Director(s) <u>from among the Directors</u>
	(excluding Directors who are Audit &

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	Supervisory Committee Members) by its resolution.	
(ii) The Board of Directors shall designate	(ii) The Board of Directors shall designate	
one (1) President from among the	one (1) President from among the	
Directors or Executive Officers by its	Directors (excluding Directors who are	
resolution.	Audit & Supervisory Committee	
	Members) or Executive Officers by its	
	resolution.	
(iii) The Board of Directors may appoint a	(iii) The Board of Directors may appoint a	
Chairman and a Vice Chairman from	Chairman and a Vice Chairman from	
among the Directors by its resolution.	among the Directors (excluding	
	Directors who are Audit & Supervisory	
	Committee Members) by its resolution.	
	Article 23 (Delegation of Decisions on	
	Execution of Important Operations)	
(Newly established)	Pursuant to Article 399-13, Paragraph 6 of the	
	Companies Act, the Company may delegate all	
	or part of the decisions on execution of	
	important operations (excluding matters set out	
	in items of Article 399-13, Paragraph 5 of the	
	Companies Act) to Directors by a resolution of	
	the Board of Directors.	
Article <u>22</u> (Remuneration, etc. of Directors)	Article <u>24</u> (Remuneration, etc. of Directors)	
The remuneration, etc. of the Directors shall be	The remuneration, etc. of the Directors shall be	
determined by the resolution of a General	determined by the resolution of a General	
Meeting of Shareholders.	Meeting of Shareholders, and such	
	determination shall be made by distinguishing	
	between Directors who are Audit & Supervisory	
	Committee Members and other Directors.	
Article 23 (Omitted)	Article <u>25</u> (Unchanged)	

CHAPTER V – AUDIT & SUPERVISORY	
BOARD MEMBERS AND AUDIT &	
SUPERVISORY BOARD	(Deleted)
Article 25 (Number of Audit & Supervisory	
Board Members)	
The Company shall have not more than six (6)	(Deleted)
Audit & Supervisory Board Members.	
Article 26 (Election of Audit & Supervisory	
Board Members)	
A resolution for the election of Audit &	(Deleted)
Supervisory Board Members shall be made by a	
majority of the votes of the shareholders present	
at a General Meeting of Shareholders at which	
the shareholders having not less than one-third	
(1/3) of the voting rights held by the	
shareholders having the right to vote shall be	
present.	
Article 27 (Term of Office of Audit &	
Supervisory Board Members)	
(i) The term of office of an Audit &	(Deleted)
Supervisory Board Member shall expire	
at the time of termination of the	
Ordinary General Meeting of	
Shareholders with respect to the last	
fiscal year ending within four (4) years	
from his or her election.	
(ii) The term of office of the Audit &	
Supervisory Board Member who was	
elected and has assumed office as a	
substitute shall expire at the expiration	
of the term of office of his/her	
predecessor.	
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Article 28 (Notice to Convene Audit &	-
Supervisory Board Meeting)	
A convocation notice for each Audit &	(Deleted)
Supervisory Board Meeting shall be dispatched	
to each Audit & Supervisory Board Member at	
least three (3) days before the scheduled date of	
such meeting; provided, however, that such	
period may be shortened in case of urgency.	
Article 29 (Standing Audit & Supervisory Board	
Members)	
The Audit & Supervisory Board shall appoint by	(Deleted)
its resolution one or more Standing Audit &	
Supervisory Board Member(s).	
Article 30 (Remuneration, etc. of Audit &	
Supervisory Board Members)	
The remuneration, etc. of the Audit &	(Deleted)
Supervisory Board Members shall be determined	
by the resolution of a General Meeting of	
Shareholders.	
Article 31 (Outside Audit & Supervisory Board	
Members' Liability for Damages)	(- 1 )
The Company may, pursuant to paragraph 1,	(Deleted)
Article 427 of the Corporate Law, enter into an	
agreement with an Outside Audit & Supervisory	
Board Member to limit such Outside Audit &	
Supervisory Board Member's liability for	
damages to the Company. However, the limit on	
the amount of liability under such agreement	
shall be the amount stipulated in applicable	
laws.	
	CHAPTER V – AUDIT & SUPERVISORY
(Newly established)	<u>COMMITTEE</u>

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	Article 27 (Notice to Convene Audit &
	Supervisory Committee Meeting)
(Newly established)	A convocation notice for each Audit &
	Supervisory Committee Meeting shall be
	dispatched to each Audit & Supervisory
	Committee Member at least three (3) days
	before the scheduled date of such meeting;
	provided, however, that such period may be
	shortened in case of urgency.
	Article 28 (Standing Audit & Supervisory
	Committee Members)
(Newly established)	The Audit & Supervisory Committee may
(6.45.46)	appoint by its resolution one or more Standing
	Audit & Supervisory Committee Member(s).
CHAPTER VI - CALCULATION	CHAPTER VI - CALCULATION
Article 32	Article <u>29</u>
(Omitted)	(Unchanged)
Article 35	Article <u>32</u>
	(Supplementary Provision)
(Newly established)	With respect to the agreements to limit the
	liability for damages to the Company regarding
	the acts of Outside Audit & Supervisory Board
	Members (including those who were Outside
	Audit & Supervisory Board Members) prior to
	the termination of the 144th Ordinary General
	Meeting of Shareholders, Article 31 of the
	Articles of Incorporation before the amendment
	thereof by the resolution of the said ordinary
	general meeting of shareholders shall apply.