

5 things you should know about TSCA risk evaluations

1. Efficiency is priority

In order to ensure efficiency, both the letter and spirit of the law give EPA the flexibility to make case-by-case decisions on the scope of risk evaluations.

2. Conditions of use

Congress granted EPA clear authority under the law to determine the conditions of use in a risk evaluation.

3. Scientific evidence is the cornerstone

Risk evaluations must reflect the best available science and the weight of the scientific evidence as required by TSCA.

4. Other jurisdictions are valuable resources

EPA should seek to obtain relevant information from other jurisdictions (e.g., Canada, Europe) and should consider leveraging the risk assessments completed by other jurisdictions where uses and exposures are consistent with those in the U.S. and when they meet TSCA's scientific standards.

5. Safety determination

EPA will determine if a chemical meets the law's safety standard or requires risk management, which can include labeling requirements, use restrictions, phase outs, and bans.