

# 5 things you should know about the new chemicals program

## 1. What it is

EPA is required by TSCA to determine the safety of any new chemical coming to market in the U.S., a program commonly referred to as the new chemicals program.

## 2. Why it matters

American businesses, jobs, innovation, and competitiveness depend on the success and effectiveness of the program.

## 3. EPA has the authority to evaluate a new chemical's reasonably foreseen uses

TSCA reform gave EPA the authority to review a new chemical's known, intended, and reasonably foreseen uses, but the law clearly states those determinations are based on the agency's discretion.

EPA's assessment of reasonably foreseen uses cannot be based on speculation or anecdotal reports. EPA has additional authority to take measures to review significant new uses and impose appropriate controls to protect health and the environment.

## 4. Delays in the review process are costly

Delays in the review process have significant adverse impacts on research and development investments, planning product launches, development of new sustainable chemistries, innovation, and competitiveness.

## 5. Communication is key to preventing a reviews backlog

Enhancing communication between manufacturers and EPA is key to ensuring the timely review of chemicals and that EPA has the relevant information to properly conduct those reviews.