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ACC COMMENDS EPA FOR ADDRESSING THE BACKLOG OF PENDING PRE-MANUFACTURING NOTICES

WASHINGTON (August 7, 2017) – *The American Chemistry Council today issued the following statement commending the Environmental Protection Agency for addressing the backlog of pending pre-manufacturing notices under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act:*

“We commend Administrator Pruitt for his commitment to the effective implementation of the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act. Addressing the backlog of applications for new chemicals is a critical step. Today’s announcement shows real and deliberate progress toward this important goal, but there is still work to be done to completely clear the backlog and prevent it from recurring. We strongly support the Administrator’s commitment to a more predictable and transparent process for decision-making and look forward to continued collaboration in achieving these improvements. U.S. businesses, jobs, innovation and competitiveness depend on the success of a fully functioning new chemicals program as envisioned by Congress when it passed the law.”

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The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®; common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues; and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a \$768 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is among the largest exporters in the nation, accounting for fourteen percent of all U.S. goods exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.

