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ACC LAUNCHES CENTER TO SUPPORT COMPANIES AND NEW CHEMICAL SAFETY ACT

WASHINGTON (Dec. 1, 2016) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) is pleased to announce the creation of the Center for Chemical Safety Act Implementation, a scientific, technical and advocacy hub that will assist companies with the implementation of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (LCSA), bipartisan legislation enacted to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

Under the new law, chemical manufacturers, processors, importers and downstream users of chemistry will have multiple opportunities to provide input to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and may be subject to Agency requests for additional information on chemicals. In an effort to share costs and promote efficiency, this new Center will provide opportunities for companies to work together through consortia to develop comments or new data to submit to EPA. This new collective effort will also help inform EPA decisions on chemical prioritization, risk evaluations and risk management options.

“Because of our constructive role in the enactment of the LCSA, ACC is well versed in the new law, and we are already actively engaged with EPA on implementation,” said ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley. “Through the Center for Chemical Safety Act Implementation, we offer a centralized approach that will help companies and EPA fulfill the law’s requirements.”

ACC’s Center for Chemical Safety Act Implementation is open to both ACC members and non-members, and will enable them to take advantage of the following services: LCSA strategy guidance; consortia management; managing data generation, including use and exposure information; data compensation agreements; and advocacy/engagement on risk evaluation and management decisions.

The Center is managed by ACC’s Chemical Product & Technology Division (CPTD), which for over 40 years has helped chemical product and sector groups effectively navigate science, regulatory and legislative challenges at the state, federal and international levels. One of CPTD’s greatest strengths is its ability to draw on the substantive expertise, resources, reputation and support across the entire ACC organization.

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