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ACC STATEMENT REGARDING EPA'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE 20 CHEMICALS AS HIGH PRIORITY SUBSTANCES UNDER TSCA

WASHINGTON (August 23, 2019) – ACC today issued the following statement regarding EPA's proposal to designate 20 chemicals as high priority substances under the 2016 amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):

“ACC will analyze the EPA-proposed 20 high priority chemicals and their supporting information and submit formal comments. As EPA moves forward through the prioritization process, it must base its work on the best available science and weight of the evidence as required under Section 26 of TSCA.

“The prioritization process is a new feature of the amended TSCA, and EPA has made it clear that neither a proposed nor final designation of a chemical as a high priority substance constitutes a finding of unreasonable risk. The proposed designation simply means the agency has nominated the chemical as a high priority for a TSCA risk evaluation, and a final designation would initiate the risk evaluation process. It is in the risk evaluation process that EPA must determine whether the chemical presents an unreasonable risk under its conditions of use.

“ACC strongly supported the 2016 amendments to TSCA that established the requirement that EPA identify high priorities for risk evaluation. The agency has an excellent track record of meeting the deadlines established by Congress. Successful implementation of TSCA in accordance with the statute and congressional intent is essential to ensuring protections for human health and the environment while enabling our industry to continue to innovate, create jobs and grow the economy.”

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