

10 principles for a modernized TSCA

The chemical industry is fully committed to implementation of the 2016 amendments to TSCA and supports EPA's effective and efficient implementation of the law as Congress intended. We believe TSCA is key to protecting human health and the environment; enhancing public confidence in the federal chemical regulatory system; and enabling our industry to continue to innovate, create jobs, and grow the economy.

Our industry promoted the following 10 basic principles that should be reflected in the updated TSCA. They remain as relevant today:

1. Chemicals should be safe for their intended use.
2. EPA should systematically prioritize chemicals for risk evaluations.
3. EPA should ensure its risk evaluations are executed in an expeditious and efficient manner.
4. EPA should complete risk evaluations within set timeframes. Companies that manufacture, import, process, distribute, or use chemicals should be required to provide EPA with relevant information to the extent necessary for EPA to conduct risk evaluations.
5. Potential risks faced by children should be an important factor in risk evaluations.
6. EPA should be empowered to impose a range of risk management controls to ensure that chemicals are safe for their intended use.
7. Companies and EPA should work together to enhance public access to chemical health and safety information.
8. EPA should rely on scientifically valid data and information, regardless of its source, including data and information reflecting modern advances in science and technology.
9. EPA should have the staff, resources, and regulatory tools it needs to ensure the safety of chemicals.
10. A modernized TSCA should encourage technological innovation and a globally competitive industry in the United States.