

THE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR THE 21st CENTURY ACT



A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO REGULATE CHEMICALS IN COMMERCE

The Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act (LCSA) was passed by a bipartisan majority of Congress and signed into law in June 2016. The LCSA strengthens regulation of chemicals used in countless consumer products in a way that supports safety, economic growth, and innovation.



Protects Americans' Health and Our Environment

- Subjects all chemicals in commerce to an EPA review for the first time
- Mandates that safety reviews are risk-based so they consider potential harm, uses, and exposures so conclusions reflect real-world circumstances
- Requires EPA to consider vulnerable groups like infants, pregnant women, and the elderly when reviewing chemicals for safety
- Requires EPA to prioritize chemicals so those that need it most are reviewed first
- Makes it easier for EPA to require more safety testing of chemicals
- Gives EPA clear authority to manage risks posed by chemicals, including labeling requirements, use restrictions, phase-outs, or bans
- Sets aggressive deadlines for EPA to complete its work



Supports Economic Growth and Manufacturing

- Provides regulatory certainty for businesses throughout our economy that produce, use, or sell chemicals and consumer products
- Strengthens transparency and the quality of science used in safety reviews, so EPA's decisions are more credible
- Strengthens the federal chemical regulatory system so states can focus their resources on other pressing issues in the future, while preserving some existing state regulations
- Allows manufacturers to request that EPA conduct safety reviews on a limited number of specific chemicals in order to provide producers and the marketplace with answers
- Directs EPA to consider costs and benefits of proposed regulations on chemicals



Promotes America's Role as the World's Leading Innovator

- Establishes a gold standard for chemical regulation that is efficient, cost-effective, and risk-based
- Creates a workable model for other countries considering how to regulate chemicals
- Protects intellectual property, while ensuring that state officials, medical professionals, and first responders have access to critical information when they need it
- Ensures new chemistries can be approved and commercialized in a timely manner so American companies can compete in the fast moving global marketplace

Chemistry is essential to modern life and our American economy: more than 96 percent of all manufactured goods are directly touched by the business of chemistry; the industry provides 810,000 jobs, 26 percent of the U.S. GDP; and the industry is experiencing a renaissance marked by \$164 billion in new investment since 2010. A strong and balanced regulatory system is critical to the safety and prosperity of the American people and this important American industry.

The Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act enables safety, growth, and innovation.