

**GLOBAL CHEMISTS'**

*Kuala Lumpur*

**CODE OF ETHICS WORKSHOP**

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**Guide for Use by Industry and Export Control**



## Global Chemists' Code of Ethics Guide for Use by Industry and Export Control

Dual-use chemicals are widely used in multiple disciplines and fields have two enduring challenges: become and remain aware of the dual use potential of chemicals, and become and remain responsible for their use across the supply chain, including manufacturing, import and export. To assist chemical practitioners with the second challenge and to bolster chemical safety and security, 30 scientists from 18 countries attended a workshop in Kuala Lumpur in April 2016 to collaboratively draft an actionable Global Chemists' stakeholders Code of Ethics (GCCE), guided by [The Hague Ethical Guidelines](#) and the [Code of Conduct Toolkit](#). To help determine categories to cover in the code, inputs from chemical practitioners in five countries were gathered about everyday situations they face where an ethical dilemma might arise. At the conclusion of this workshop, participants voluntarily adopted the code and were tasked with sharing the code with their colleagues on returning home and were provided the following materials:

- Official copy of the GCCE,
- This guidance for adapting the GCCE to one's home organization or country,
- *The Hague Ethical Guidelines*,
- *The Code of Conduct Toolkit*, and
- [Infusing Ethics into the Development of Engineers](#)

Initially, the materials will be made publicly available in seven languages to ensure the sustainability and future reach of the GCCE. Efforts are underway to translate the code into other languages as well. As chemical practitioners in industry and export control, you are critical to ensuring sustainable ethical conduct in chemistry around the world, both now and in the future. Specifically, we encourage you to:

- Share the language and spirit of the GCCE, The Hague Ethical Guidelines, and the Code of Conduct Toolkit with your colleagues in industry and government officials in your country;
- Together with your colleagues, use the GCCE workshop materials to determine whether the code should be modified or augmented to address specific issues in your country or institution;
- Promote open discussion of chemical ethics issues with colleagues in your home institution and at the national level and work together with policy makers in your country to solve them;
- Seek opportunities to integrate ethics into your organization's policies and procedures, and
- Encourage ethical conduct across the chemical enterprise in your country and around the globe.

By working together, policy makers and chemical practitioners in manufacturing, supply chain, import and export, can detect and discourage misconduct in their field and deter questionable practices. In addition, we can encourage each other to adopt internationally recognized practices for chemical safety and security.

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