

# ACC's Perspectives on Modernizing TSCA

ACS and SRA Briefing on TSCA Reform

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# American Chemistry Council (ACC)

- Who ACC represents and what they do
- Why ACC members care about the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)



## ACC's Position

- ACC and its members support Congress' efforts to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the nation's primary chemical management law.
- Basis for ACC's position



# ACC's TSCA Principles

- ACC's 10 Principles for Modernizing TSCA
  - Released August 4, 2009
  - Highlights



# Screening Prioritization

- Systematic Review of Existing Chemicals in Commerce
  - “Reset” the TSCA Inventory
  - Screening level review and prioritization
  - Leverage existing information
  - Transparency in process, information
  - Improve periodic reporting



# Safe Use Determination

- High Priority Chemicals Should be Subject to EPA Safe Use Determination
  - Focus resources on the highest priorities
  - Address most significant exposure/toxicity pathways
  - Tiered testing
  - Decision-standard



# Risk Management Measures

- Risk Management Decisions are Separate from Safe Use Decisions
  - Broad spectrum of possible RM measures
  - Intent of RM measures should be to assure safe use
  - Apply risk/cost-benefit analysis



## New Chemicals

- New Chemicals Program
  - Consider certain enhancements, e.g. data requirements driven by use and exposure patterns
  - Maintain existing exemptions (e.g., statutory mixtures, polymers, low volume/exposure)
  - “Feedback loop” to account for new data or information in future reviews



## Other Elements

- Protect children's health
- Use of biomonitoring information
- Criteria for scientific quality
- CBI modifications; public information
- Retain jurisdictional lines
- Promote innovation and competitive strength of U.S. industry

# THANK YOU!!

