Exploring the Boundaries of Modern Chemical Regulation

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At the end of 2019, the European Union’s REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) program has been in existence for more than 10 years. In the United States, the 2016 amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) are already three years old. Some governments, like Canada, are reviewing measures to further modernize chemical regulation. Others still, such as Brazil and Argentina, are considering fundamental chemical regulatory structures. Under the auspices of the United Nations, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) is considering the policy framework for sound management of chemicals and chemical wastes beyond 2020 – with some governments exploring the need for or possibility of a “coherent global regime” of chemicals management.

GlobalChem 2020 is designed to address these questions, among others – and in so doing, helps to define the boundaries of modern chemical management.

Optional Workshop on TSCA Fundamentals

New to chemical regulations or want a refresher on the basics? GlobalChem’s optional TSCA Fundamentals Workshop offers a unique, full-day, educational opportunity prior to the conference. The workshop aims to guide attendees through the entire TSCA submission process by hearing from experts and government representatives on the ins and outs of the process as well as helpful insight from their lessons learned.

The various topics discussed throughout this invaluable workshop will include PMN Submissions, Inventory Reset, Confidential Business Information (CBI), Risk Evaluations, and TSCA Fees, among others.

GlobalChem Exhibition

GlobalChem isn’t just an educational opportunity; it’s also a great forum for you to meet representatives from companies that already understand your business. Industry vendors that specialize in products and services designed to assist you in navigating the complex regulatory roadways will be in attendance.

Is your company interested in hosting a booth? Visit www.globalchem.org or contact Ashley Musselman at ashely_musselman@americanchemistry.com or 202.249.6113 for more information on exhibition and sponsorship opportunities.
The 2016 amendments to TSCA required EPA to make changes to its New Chemicals program. These workshop sessions will address key changes in the section 5 program, and challenges faced by EPA and submitters. These sessions will also provide an opportunity to discuss the broad changes in the program and their impacts:

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3:45 – 4:00 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions
Integrating Hazard and Exposure Information in TSCA Risk Evaluations
A panel with toxicologists and exposure assessors will discuss how EPA integrates information on hazard and exposure in TSCA risk evaluations.

New Approach Methods and their Impacts on TSCA Implementation
This panel will discuss EPA's 2019 announcement on animal testing, the "state of the art" in non-animal testing (including validation and fit-for-purpose elements), and the role of non-animal testing in new and existing chemical evaluation.

SOCMA Specialties Track
A Deep Dive into Strategies for Chemical Tariff Mitigation
President Trump in particular has utilized the full range of trade tools, including Section 301 tariffs on Chinese-origin goods, heightened focus on assuring countries of their commitments beyond 2020, and what commitments are needed by governments, stakeholders and industry to advance these efforts succeed. This session will also explore the ongoing consequences of Great Britain's hard "Brexit" from the European Union last fall and continuing challenges with global tariffs that have hit the global chemical industry – and downstream industries – hard.

4:00 – 5:30 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions
First 10 Risk Evaluations
What have we learned from the evaluation of EPA's First 10 chemicals?

Nomenclature and TSCA
This session will discuss how nomenclature challenges affect TSCA implementation, and potential solutions to those challenges.

SOCMA Specialties Track
TSCA Section 21 Petitions and Implications for Industry
TSCA Section 21 allows any person to petition EPA to initiate regulatory actions on specific chemicals under TSCA Sections 4, 6, or 8. This session will feature an overview of the changes made to Section 21 since TSCA was amended, the process by which citizens' petitions are evaluated by the Agency, and commentary on recent environmental litigation and its impact on future Section 21 cases.

6:00 – 8:00 PM GlobalChem's Signature Networking Reception

Wednesday, April 8, 2020
8:30 – 9:15 AM Welcome & Keynote
Jennifer Abril, President & CEO Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates

Gertrud Sahler, President ICCM5 (invited)

9:15 – 10:15 AM SAICM and ICCM5
This session will hold a panel discussion on the major challenges and opportunities raised in SAICM/ICCM5 and how it will test the boundaries of, and influences, chemical regulation. Explore how SAICM will contribute beyond 2020, and what commitments are needed by governments, stakeholders and industry to advance the sound management of chemicals and waste.

10:15 – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 11:30 AM Concurrent Breakout Sessions
The Power of Partnerships: AEPW as a Global Environmental Model
Jacob Duer, Chief Executive Officer Alliance to End Plastic Waste

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM APEC Chemical Dialogue
The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Chemical Dialogue (CD) is a forum that brings regulators and industry together to tackle chemicals management and trade issues. With many of the APEC economies implementing GHS and establishing or revising their chemicals management regulations, this session will review the CD's progress in preventing barriers to trade through advancing on Regulatory Cooperation and Convergence and aligning GHS implementation.

12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions
Global Harmonization System – Where Are We Now?
Many countries remain in the initial phases of GHS implementation. This session will explore reasons why some jurisdictions have not yet expressly implemented GHS, and what industry can do to encourage and accelerate implementation.

Global Data Sharing
In the last decade, numerous models have appeared – many of which have been initiated in the private sector – to enable better data sharing of chemicals information among stakeholders. Various global platforms and databases are under development or being considered to make data sharing even faster and more efficient among critical stakeholders. This session will explore those platforms, what industry can do to accelerate progress; and how the private sector can partner with governments and other stakeholder groups to help these efforts succeed.

USMCA, Global Trade Agreements, and Tariffs
Now that the long-awaited USMCA has finally been approved by Congress, this session will take a detailed and critical look at what to expect in implementation. This session will also explore the ongoing consequences of Great Britain’s hard “Brexit” from the European Union last fall and continuing challenges with global tariffs that have hit the global chemical industry – and downstream industries – hard.

2:30 – 2:45 PM Break

2:45 – 4:00 PM Sustainability: A New Benchmark for Chemicals and Chemical Regulation?
This session will explore how sustainability and circularity will influence global regulatory programs in the future, as well as how the concept is driving private sector collaborations and partnerships to find real solutions to the stewardship of molecules through this life cycle and the next. The session will discuss whether the Circular Economy replaces – or complements – established principles of life cycle analysis, and will consider the role of the ISO Circular Economy standard.