



USTMA SUPPORTS A ROBUST FEDERAL APPROACH TO EVALUATING CHEMICALS AND THEIR USES

Frank R. Lautenberg Chemicals for the 21st Century Act

- On June 22, 2016, Congress passed the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemicals for the 21st Century Act to reform the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the nation's principal law governing the manufacture and use of chemicals.
- TSCA reform provides EPA expanded authority to assess the safety of chemical substances in products such as tires, and to create regulations to reduce risk to human health and the environment. TSCA reform also provides EPA expanded authority to regulate and/or ban chemical substances that are used in products.

Tire Materials Assure Product Performance

- Tires are among the most highly engineered components on vehicles and are integral for vehicle movement and safety.
- Tire materials provide attributes needed to ensure tire safety and tire performance.
- Ensuring tire manufacturers have access to a broad range of materials to manufacture tires is critical to ensure tire safety and product performance.

Implementation of TSCA

- USTMA supports a robust federal process for review of chemicals and their uses that:
 - is transparent
 - provides timeframes for when chemicals will undergo risk evaluation in order to provide downstream chemical users time to generate and gather use and exposure information
 - engages stakeholders early in the data gathering process
 - assesses all reasonably known and foreseeable uses of a chemical substance
 - clearly communicates to stakeholders that a chemical prioritized for review does not mean that there is a risk of exposure for that chemical in a product
 - utilizes a screening level approach for risk evaluation that enables EPA to determine based on existing information that uses of a chemical substance are safe
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