

# KEY POLICY ISSUES

## REAUTHORIZE CFATS BEFORE IT EXPIRES IN 2020

DHS's program for securing facilities that use, manufacture, store or handle certain high-risk chemicals – the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) – will expire in April 2020 if Congress does not act to reauthorize it. While Congress extended the program by 15 months in January 2019 (H.R. 251), it must work to ensure this program does not lapse by approving a multi-year reauthorization bill.

### SOCMA SUPPORTS



A long-term reauthorization of the CFATS program to provide industry with the certainty needed to make investments in site security.



Statutory recognition of industry stewardship programs that meet or exceed the CFATS risk-based performance standards.



Ensuring that CFATS does not disclose sensitive facility site security information to the public.

## PASS THE U.S.-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT (USMCA)

Passage of USMCA is critical to our economic future and will preserve and strengthen U.S. trade ties to Canada and Mexico - supporting manufacturing jobs, economic growth, and regional commerce across North America. The new pact modernizes rules of origin for the chemical industry and guarantees that virtually all U.S. exports will enter Canadian and Mexican markets tariff-free.

### SOCMA SUPPORTS



Ensuring U.S. chemical manufacturers and their customers can continue duty-free trading of chemical products in markets in Mexico and Canada.



Modernized chemical rules of origin to ease customs compliance burdens for exporters demonstrating the origin of their products.



Enhanced regulatory cooperation through the USMCA to improve protection of confidential business information, GHS alignment, data sharing, risk assessment and regulatory actions.

## RENEW THE NEXT MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF BILL (MTB) CYCLE

MTB allows manufacturers to petition for the refund of tariffs on certain chemical substances not domestically available. Chemicals make up 56% of total savings, or \$556 million, from the bipartisan MTB Act of 2018. The program will expire in December 2020 if Congress does not pass a bill to ratify another cycle of tariff relief petitions or amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule to ensure permanent duty suspensions or reductions for MTB-eligible products.

### SOCMA SUPPORTS



Passage of legislation to extend MTB beyond December 31, 2020.



Permanent duty suspensions or reductions of MTB-eligible chemical products by legislatively amending the Harmonized Tariff Schedule



Modifying the name of the “Intermediate Chemicals for Dyes Appendix” to the “Duty-Free Chemicals Appendix” in the HTS to qualify a broader set of products as eligible for duty relief.