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Global Regulatory Overview

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Speaker Intro

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TSCA: Where We Are

Current Standings

- House + Senate discussion drafts released
- Still evolving — **window for input is now**

TSCA User Fee Reauthorization Required by September

- Driving timing of legislative activity
- Creating opportunity to address broader implementation issues

Approach

- House → targeted, practical fixes
- Senate → broader, framework-driven



What's Driving Reform

Dysfunctional New Chemicals Program

- Long timelines
- Unpredictable outcomes

Scope Expanding

- Reviews going beyond intended uses

Conservative Safety Standard

- “May present risk” → default restrictions

Increasing Data Demands

- Modeling + data gaps driving decisions

SOCMA Priorities: Part 1

Lock in Use-Based Reviews

- Limit EPA to **intended and reasonably foreseen uses**
- Avoid regulation based on hypothetical scenarios

Clarify and Rebalance Safety Standard

- Shift away from “may present risk”
- Anchor decisions in “**more likely than not**” risk

Improve PMN Process Discipline

- Enforce timelines and accountability
- Ensure early engagement with EPA reviewers



The background image shows two workers in white hard hats and safety gear. One worker on the left is holding a clipboard with a blueprint, which has 'FUTURE FUEL' written on it. They are standing in an industrial facility with complex piping, walkways, and structures. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor or well-lit indoor environment.

SOCMA Priorities: Part 2

Right-Size Data Expectations

- Prioritize real-world and submitted data
- Avoid default reliance on conservative modeling

Create Workable Pathways for Approval

- Expand exemptions (LVE, LoREX, de minimis)
- Enable targeted approvals tied to intended use

Deregulate Intermediates & Protect Closed-System Uses

- Prevent unnecessary regulation of substances that do not enter commerce

Improve Program Efficiency

- Tiered review timelines
- Use of third-party reviewers where appropriate



SOCMA Engagement

On Capitol Hill

- Shaping both House + Senate drafts
- Advancing targeted changes to Section 5 (new chemicals)

With EPA

- Direct engagement on PMN decision-making
- Elevating real-world implementation challenges

With Industry

- Coordinating across trade groups
- Using member examples to support advocacy



Regulatory Update

Chemical Regulations Framework

Chemical-Specific Regulatory Environment

- TSCA – Implementation Challenges + reform efforts
- PFAS – Reporting Restrictions, remediation (federal + state)

EPA Regulatory Programs

- Air – NESHAP residual risk & technology reviews, cumulative risk
- Water – Effluent guidelines, PFAS discharges, permitting
- Waste – RCRA, hazardous classifications, emerging listings
- Chemical Management – TSCA implementation, risk evaluations & risk management rules)

State Chemical Regulations

- Chemical Restrictions and Reporting
- PFAS Bans
- Product Regulations - EPR, disclosures, restrictions

Product Regulations

- EPR
- Disclosure
- Product level restrictions

Supply Chain & International

- Supply chain traceability & customer requirements
- EU, REACH, product sustainability initiatives

Emerging Issues

- Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) regulations



Prioritizing Issues

How SOCMA Utilizes Framework

- Identify highest-impact issues for specialty chemicals
- Focus where engagement can influence outcomes
- Avoid spreading efforts too thin

Additional Efforts

- Coordinating with other trade associations on issues that extend beyond chemicals
- (e.g., agriculture, FDA, broader product regulation)
- Ensuring coverage without duplicating efforts

SOCMA Committee Input

- Validate where the burden is highest
- Shape where SOCMA leans in



Trade Tools: What's in Play

Section 301

- Unfair trade practices
- Investigation + public comment

Section 232

- National security
- Commerce-led investigation

IEEPA

- Emergency authority
- Rapid, unilateral action

Section 122

- Balance-of-payments
- Temporary import measures

AD/CVD

- Dumping and subsidies
- Product-specific investigations

What's Active Right Now?

Current Activity – Section 301 Focus

- **Excess Capacity**
 - Focus on overproduction (primarily China)
 - Concerns around market distortion
- **Forced Labor**
 - Expanding supply chain scrutiny
 - Intersection with compliance expectations
- **Investigations Under Way**





SOCMA Focus

- Engaging on 301 investigations and comments
- Elevating impact on:
 - Critical chemical inputs
 - Downstream manufacturing
- Coordinating with other trade groups

Bringing It All Together

- **TSCA:**
 - What's not working – and how we're working to fix it
- **Regulatory Landscape:**
 - The full scope of activity—and how we're prioritizing
- **Trade & Tariffs:**
 - The tools in play—and what's active today



Participate in SOCMA Committees



CHEMICAL REGULATIONS

Three core focus areas of this committee are:

- EPA's new and existing chemicals programs
- Chemical restrictions and bans
- Product labeling



ENVIRONMENT

Four core focus areas of this committee are:

- Environmental Justice
- Air regulations
- Water regulations
- Waste regulations



HEALTH & SAFETY

Two core focus areas of this committee are:

- Worker health and safety
- Facility site security



TRADE, TAX, & SUPPLY CHAIN

Three core focus areas of this committee are:

- Tariffs, duties, and free trade agreements
- Tax barriers to industry growth
- Ocean, rail, and trucking issues

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