

Regulatory area to be addressed	Chemicals Management
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Department/Agency	 United States U.S Environmental Protection Agency	 Canada Health Canada, Environment Canada
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Work stream A	<p>Significant New Activity (SNAC) provisions and Significant New Use Rules (SNURs)</p> <p>Environment Canada, Health Canada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will collaborate in efforts to develop common approaches for regulatory reporting requirements for new uses of chemical substances (Significant New Activity provisions in Canada and Significant New Use Rules in the U.S.).</p> <p>This work stream will include development of background information comparing SNACs and SNURs as well as collaboration with stakeholders to increase the level of predictability and understanding of considerations leading to the development and design of SNACs and SNURs. Background information to be compiled includes a comparative analysis of the regulatory framework and development process for SNACs and SNURs and a direct comparison of SNACs and SNURs for substances subject to these regulatory requirements. A technical working group will be established to review and discuss the results of the background information compiled as well as work towards identifying alignment opportunities.</p> <p>The work plan will also provide an opportunity to collaborate on efforts to improve the flow of information on chemicals throughout the supply chain and develop consistent and effective approaches to compliance promotion for SNACs and SNURs. Anticipating strong industry stakeholder involvement, discussions with a technical working group will focus on identifying challenges to compliance with SNACs and SNURs, potential solutions and opportunities to improve compliance promotion.</p>
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Planned initiatives and sub-deliverables		Date
Initiative A: Improving predictability and understanding of SNACs and SNURs		February 2015 – January 2017
	Departments complete development of background information	February to March 2015
	Web conference to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	April 2015
	Launch of Multi-stakeholder Technical Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss work plan, anticipated outcomes and define roles and responsibilities for future work plan activities 	April 2015
	Through regular meetings between departments and a series of web conferences with working group, work will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of compiled background information on existing legislative provisions, SNAC/SNUR development and design • development and analysis of relevant case studies • identification and discussion of potential alignment or collaboration opportunities 	April to September 2015
	Face-to-face working group meeting to discuss potential alignment opportunities	October 2015
	Web conference to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	December 2015
	Through regular meetings between departments and web conferences with working group, work will be undertaken to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify potential alignments and develop recommendations 	January to May 2016
	Web conference to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	June 2016
	Departments will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile summary of findings • Develop an implementation plan for potential short-term alignment opportunities • Identify alignment opportunities requiring regulatory changes 	July to November 2016
	Publication of a final summary document outlining findings, recommendations and plan for short term and long term implementation activities.	December 2016
	Workshop on final results	January 2017

Initiative B: Improving compliance and compliance promotion		February 2015 – January 2017
	<p>Departments complete development of background information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile available information on existing barriers to sharing chemical information throughout the supply chain and on current approach to compliance with SNACs and SNURs 	April to June 2015
	Web conference to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	April 2015
	<p>Launch of Multi-stakeholder Technical Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss work plan, anticipated outcomes and define roles and responsibilities for future work plan activities 	April 2015
	<p>Working group members and other stakeholders will engage in discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • challenges to compliance • best practices for sharing chemical information throughout supply chain • best practices for compliance promotion for SNACs and SNURs 	April to September 2015
	Face-to-face working group meeting to discuss results of information gathering, best practices and options for implementation	October 2015
	Web conference to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	December 2015
	Identification of recommendations for improving compliance promotion and of solutions to compliance challenges	January to May 2016
	Web conference to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	June 2016
	Develop final recommendations for improving SNAC/SNUR compliance promotion and summary of best practices for sharing information on chemicals throughout the supply chain.	July to November 2016
	Publication of a final summary document outlining findings, recommendations for best practices and plan for implementation of recommendations.	December 2016
	Workshop on final results	January 2017

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Work stream B	Environment Canada, Health Canada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will collaborate in efforts to align chemical regulatory processes, specifically through the development of common approaches to address emerging risk issues and jointly consider how the use of novel data can inform the assessment of chemicals.
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	 United States	 Canada
Department/Agency	U.S Environmental Protection Agency	Health Canada, Environment Canada

Planned initiatives and sub-deliverables		Date
Initiative A: Comparative analysis of regulatory risk assessment frameworks		January 2015 – October 2015
	Analysis of similarities and differences related to regulatory risk assessment frameworks and approaches under CEPA 1999 and TSCA (external contract)	January to June 2015
	Compilation of identified learnings (e.g. opportunities and impediments to collaboration, high level principles).	July to October 2015
	Web conference to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	October 2015
Initiative B: Collaboration on common priority/priorities		January 2015 – Oct 2016
	Compile list of respective priorities including status in each country and priorities in common	January 2015
	Formation of Multi-stakeholder Technical Working Group and terms of reference	April 2015
	Identification of potential case studies on common forward priorities and stakeholder 'sponsor(s)'	June 2015
	Multi-stakeholder Technical Working Group Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of scope of joint collaboration (eg. problem formulation, hazard characterization, use pattern) • Identification of milestones, roles and responsibilities, timelines • Documentation of workshop outcomes 	October 2015
	Collaboration on joint priority/priorities	Oct 2015 – Oct 2016
	Web conferences to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	April 2015 December 2015 June 2016 December 2016

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Initiative C: Development of Assessment Collaboration Framework		Nov 2016 – December 2017
	Based upon learnings from Initiative A and Initiative B develop draft assessment collaboration framework, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • common high-level principles for chemical risk assessment • identification of opportunities and impediments to joint work • forward plan to build on opportunities (eg peer review) • forward plan to explore mechanisms to address impediments 	November 2016 to April 2017
	Web conference to provide broad update on progress to all stakeholders	June 2017
	Publication of a final summary document outlining findings and assessment collaboration framework	December 2017