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January 2025

- EPA Finalized Risk Evaluation for Formaldehyde under TSCA
- EPA Expands TRI with Nine New PFAS Chemicals
- TSCA Risk Evaluations Drafted for Dicyclohexyl Phthalate (DCHP) (CASRN 84-61-7) and Finalized for Two Other Phthalates: DIDP (CASRN 84-69-5) and DINP (CASRN 28553-12-0)
- EPA Prioritizes Risk Reviews for Cancer-tied Plastics Chemicals
- Reminder: EPA Targets Chemicals Used in Adhesives for Risk Evaluation Under TSCA
- EPA Targets PFAS Contamination with Comprehensive Data Collection Effort in Industrial Wastewater Discharges
- Significant New Use Rules Proposed for 8 CASE Substances & Finalized for 6 Substances
- US-EU Medical Expert Report Urges New Chemical Regulations to Protect Children's Health
- EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) Transitional Period for Reporting to the Registry Ends on December 31, 2025

- European Commission Adds 40 Chemicals to PIC & Bans Use of BPA in FCM Such as Metal Coatings for Food Cans
- CEPE Disappointed with European Commission's Decision on TiO2 Antidumping Duties
- WCC to Respond to GFC (Global Framework on Chemicals) Consultation Document Aiming for a Stakeholder Engagement Framework
- GHS Updated in Brazil, Singapore, Turkey, and US
- OECD to Publish Report on Fluoropolymers in 2025, Canada's Assessors Discussed Their PFAS Publication and RM Plans

Chemicals Management



EPA Prioritizes Risk Reviews for Cancers tied Plastics Chemicals

EPA announced the next five chemicals it will launch include a lengthy risk review process, a move that could lead to restrictions or bans. The EPA's list includes styrene, benzene, ethylbenzene, naphthalene, and 4-tert-octylphenol – each of which is used **primarily to make plastics**. The Biden administration's lineup signals a desire to crack down on chemicals used to make plastic, but the final call will be left to the incoming Trump administration.

EPA Proposed a Rule for Pigment Violet 29 to Address Unreasonable Risk to Human Health

The Agency recognizes that **strict workplace controls** can be implemented to address the unreasonable risk of PV29. It is proposed to allow PV29's continued use, with additional worker protection for the conditions of use in a dry powder form.

Reminder: EPA Targets Chemicals Used in Adhesives for Risk Evaluation Under TSCA

The EPA will designate five known or probable carcinogens as **High-Priority Substances** that will undergo a risk evaluation under TSCA, which will include acetaldehyde, acrylonitrile, benzenamine, 4,4'-methylene bis(2-chloroaniline) (MBOCA), and vinyl chloride.

Court Blocks EPA Chemicals Rule Designed to Boost Transparency

A federal appeals court **shuttered an EPA plan meant to increase transparency** around chemical information protected as trade secrets.

Vinyl Institute Forms Alliance Concerning Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) Risk Review

The Vinyl Institute has formed the Chlor-Vinyl Alliance **to address the EPA's risk review of VCM**.

Significant New Use Rules (SNURs) Finalized for 6 Substances

The substances are: Calcium, carbonate 2-ethylhexanoate neodecanoate propionate complexes, Propanoic acid, 3-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methyl-, polymer with dimethyl carbonate, 1,2-ethanediamine, 2-ethyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-propanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, and, 1,1'-methylenebis[4-isocyanatocyclohexane], compd. with N,N-diethylethanamine.

SNURs Proposed for 8 CASE Substances

Members who export to the US should be aware of these **SNURs for 8 substances**: 2 CASRN (2639393-45-4 and 2794200-69-2) and 6 Confidential identities.

US-EU Medical Expert Report Urges New Chemical Regulations to Protect Children's Health

This call to action results from a two-year project by a [group of independent scientists](#) from 17 US and European high-profile scientific institutions. The report seeks to enable a coordinated approach to reducing the ever-increasing levels of chronic disease being faced by children worldwide. The authors say chemical manufacturers and brands should be required to monitor their products after they are released to the market.

\$850M in Federal Funds Boost Methane Reduction Efforts: Innovation and Community at the Heart of Methane Reduction

The [EPA and the Energy Department](#) will fund 43 projects designed to [curb methane emissions](#) from oil and natural gas operations using existing and new technologies. Methane reduction offers a rare chance for quick climate wins and see how federal investment is driving tech, jobs, and community resilience.

What's Next in US Regulatory Trends? | Check out Infographic

Check out this new, [interactive infographic](#) for a state-by-state view.

Intertek Global Chemical Regulatory Symposium

[March 6-7, 2025, Houston, TX.](#)

California OEHHA

- [Notice of Adoption of Cancer Inhalation Unit Risk Factor for Isoprene](#)
- [Drafts Reference Exposure Levels for 1,4-Dichlorobenzene](#)

Health & Safety



OSHA Proposes New Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Standard

It would replace OSHA's existing National Emphasis Program on Outdoor and Indoor [Heat-Related Hazards](#).

AI Expected to Disrupt 41% of the Workforce Worldwide by 2030

The recent [World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report](#) shows that 77% are now investing in reskilling efforts.

Workplace Mental Health Support to Evolve in 2025

Mental health support is expected to [evolve significantly](#) with employers focusing on comprehensive care including therapy benefits and wellness programs. Companies will address the mental health impacts of remote work and return-to-office mandates, promote nutrition for better mental well-being, and support employees with high-acuity needs.

Environment



EPA Targets PFAS Contamination with Comprehensive Data Collection Effort in Industrial Wastewater Discharges

The [30-day public comment](#) period has now ended. EPA plans to develop technology-based PFAS limits on industrial wastewater discharges. The plan includes the collection of additional data from facilities in battery manufacturing, centralized waste treatment, oil and gas extraction, and from facilities processing PFAS into commercial products.

Transportation



Bloomberg: Top Supply Chain Issue of 2025 Likely to be Flooding

Flooding events accounted for **70% of weather-related supply chain disruptions** in 2024.

Dockworkers, US Ports Reach Tentative 6-year Deal

The International Longshoremen's Association and US Maritime Alliance (USMX) will work under the existing agreement until the union can meet with its full wage scale committee and schedule a ratification vote, and USMX members can ratify the terms of the final contract.

Trade



What to Expect from the Second Trump Presidency: 2025 and Beyond

Davis Polk highlights aspects of the incoming administration's announced (or possible) regulatory, legislative, and economic priorities, along with the outlook for congressional action in 2025 and beyond.

US Export Controls on AI Chips Draw Industry Backlash

Export controls were introduced to **limit access to AI chips citing national security concerns**. The policy, which creates a three-tier licensing system, has faced criticism from the US semiconductor industry and the EU.

Bankers Expect \$4T in Global M&A in 2025

Global mergers and acquisitions are expected to be driven by President-elect Donald Trump's promises of deregulation and lower taxes. M&A volumes **have risen 15% to \$3.45 trillion in 2024** with significant growth in private equity-led buyouts and technology deals.

US to Ban Smart Cars Containing Chinese Tech

The US finalized a rule effectively barring **Chinese technology from cars** in the American market, taking aim at software and hardware from the world's second-biggest economy over national security risks.

EU Report

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European Commission Adds 40 Chemicals to PIC Required to be Notified from March 1, 2025

The EC has included **five industrial chemicals and 35 pesticides** in Annex I of the EU's prior informed consent (PIC) regulation, triggering notification duties for companies. The industrial chemicals included 1,2-benzene dicarboxylic acid, dihexyl ester, branched and linear; dihexyl phthalate; 1,2-benzene dicarboxylic acid, di-C6-10-alkyl esters or mixed decyl and hexyl and octyl diesters; sodium perborate, perboric acid, sodium salt; and sodium peroxometaborate. EC also added perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, its salts, and PFHxS-

related compounds to Annex V, subject to an export ban.

Reminder: EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) Transitional Period for Reporting to the Registry Ends on December 31, 2025

For a list of goods, the CBAM aims to achieve targets under the [European Green Deal](#); Address the issue of carbon leakage; and, Reduce the embedded emissions of imported goods manufactured outside of the EU. It will put a fair price on the carbon emitted during the production of carbon-intensive goods that are entering the EU. Direct and indirect emissions should be calculated for simple and complex goods. CBAM will apply from 2026.

Reminder: Annex XVII: New Entry for PFAS

The [European Commission](#) proposes to introduce a new restriction banning the placing on the market and use of PFAS in fire-fighting foams and fire-fighting foam concentrates, including ready-to-use portable fire extinguishers. The expected adoption period of the new restriction is Q2 2025. Dedicated transition periods are proposed: 12 months for placing on the market of firefighting foams in portable fire extinguishers, 18 months for alcohol-resistant firefighting foams in portable fire extinguishers, and until December 31, 2030, for its use in portable fire extinguishers.

Reminder: CLP is Updated by Regulation (EU) 2024/2865

Last November, [Regulation \(EU\) 2024/2865](#) amended Regulation 1272/2008 (CLP) to implement a new classification, labelling, and packaging of substances and mixtures. It introduced new instructions for the classification of complex substances ('substances containing more than one constituent' or 'MOCS') and added Chapter 3 to Title III of the CLP, updating the labelling formats. **Note: The assessment of MOCS is based on available information on these known constituents but the absence of these or less severe properties of the MOCS itself, does not override the information available on the constituents.**

Northern Ireland Politicians Object to Updated EU CLP Legislation

It would be the first invocation of '[Stormont Brake](#)', which gives the Northern Ireland Assembly the power to object to changes to EU rules that apply in Northern Ireland. It was included in the post-Brexit arrangement and is allowed in the "most exceptional circumstances and as a last resort."

Highlights from November RAC and SEAC Meetings on Proposed PFAS Restrictions

In their last meetings for 2024, [RAC and SEAC](#) provisionally concluded their evaluation of the following sectors from the EU-wide [proposal to restrict per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\)](#): Construction products; Textiles, upholstery, leather, apparel and carpets; and, Food contact materials and packaging.

CEPE Disappointed with Commission's Decision on TiO2 Antidumping Duties

The [European Commission](#) published a Regulation imposing antidumping duties on imports of titanium dioxide (TiO₂) from China. TiO₂ is a key raw material for coatings makers, accounting for up to 40% of the raw materials cost and 20% of the cost of the finished product. The duties threaten the viability of the [€33 billion/year EU paints sector](#). The rise in production costs for EU producers will result in a surge in imports of cheaper paints produced outside the EU, using Chinese TiO₂ that is not subject to antidumping duties.

ECHA to Add Six New SVHCs in January 2025

These include Octamethyltrisiloxane (CASRN 107-51-7) and Tris(4-nonylphenyl, branched and linear) phosphite known to be used in cleaning products and [some CASE products](#).

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OECD to Publish Report on Fluoropolymers in 2025

The OECD report on fluoropolymers will also include side-chain fluoropolymers and perfluoropolyethers. During a recent OECD webinar, **Canada risk assessors** have confirmed that the Order to add the PFAS class, excluding fluoropolymers, will be published at the same time as the FSAR and Risk Management Approach in the first part of 2025. In the RM scope, Canada will be considering the labelling of PFAS in consumer products, voluntary initiatives for the phase-out of PFAS for the use of alternatives, substitutes. Canada will be taking decisive action to regulate PFAS in consumer products, including firefighting foams, food packaging, and textiles.

GHS Update

- **Brazil:** Changes to align with UN Revision 7 implemented by regulation ABNT NBR 14725:2023 which will be mandatory from July 2025
- **Singapore:** Is implementing the UN GHS Rev 7.
- **US:** GHS rev 7 was adopted on May 20, 2024. Mandatory compliance dates for labels/SDS are January 2026 for manufactures of substances and July 2027 for producers of mixtures.
- **Turkey:** To adhere to Turkish CLP and KKDİK regulations, formula manufacturers must follow a series of steps, including: **Working with certified Turkish experts** for SDS preparation according to KKDİK; Inserting Turkish-specific data during SDS generation; Ensuring restriction calculations follow Annex XVII of KKDİK regulation, and, Generating Turkish-specific hazard labels ad SDS.

GBT 24067-2024: China Consulting on Draft Law on Safety of Hazardous Chemicals

The **draft law outlines requirements** for the planning and layout, production, import, transport, storage, usage, and distribution of hazardous chemicals in China, including the licensing and registration of hazardous chemicals. The draft includes the introduction of: exemptions from registration for hazardous chemicals that are supplied in low quantities, low release, or low exposure during R&D, trial production, and marketing trials; new requirements to manage and monitor hazardous chemicals throughout their lifecycle via electronic identification and info management; and, clauses to forbid organizations or individuals from engaging in activities involving chemicals when hazard properties have not been determined.

Resilience Has Become a Defining Trait for Industries Navigating Today's Unpredictable Global Landscape

A **2024 report** sheds light on the varying levels of **resilience across nations and industries**, offering critical insights into how political, economic, and societal factors influence the ability of businesses and individuals to adapt and thrive.



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