TSCA Current Status

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Presentation Abstract

On June 22, 2016, the President signed the Frank R Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (LCSA), the most substantial legislative revision to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in its history. The law imposed new provisions for the review and evaluation of existing substances on the TSCA Inventory, how substances are added to the TSCA Inventory, confidentiality of information, and the relationship to existing state programs. This presentation will briefly summarize the most significant changes, provide an update on implementing regulations and guidance issued this summer, and take a look at the path forward and its impact on manufacturers, importers, and processors of chemical substances.