



The **Chemical Industry Associations of Latin America**, aligned with the principles of regulatory cooperation of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), agree that the establishment and compliance of regulatory systems for chemical substances is key to achieving high levels of protection for human health and the environment, while promoting innovation, economic competitiveness, and sustainable development.

Strengthened regulatory cooperation is an opportunity for Latin American countries to promote interaction, public-private engagement, and the exchange of resources more efficiently, making it possible to raise transparency and public trust in regulatory decisions.

The **Chemical Industry Associations of Latin America** highlight the importance of regulatory cooperation, considering that:

- The countries of the region have a common goal of achieving the objectives of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) to catalyze adverse effects on human health and the environment and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030.
- There is great interest on the part of some governments in the region in developing public policies related to the integral management of chemical substances due to the initiation of admission to the OECD.
- Latin American governments and industry must make efficient use of limited resources available and implement public policies related to chemicals management; and
- ICCA's international regulatory cooperation principles underline the need for regulatory cooperation to promote a common understanding of chemicals management systems, reduce differences between regulatory regimes and generate a relationship of trust between regulators and the regulated sector.

Below, we outline the key **principles** that the Chemical Industry Associations in Latin America believe should guide the countries of the region to achieve the integral management of chemical substances:

- Participate in an **ongoing public-private dialogue** based on values of transparency and trust.
- Implement a more effective and efficient approach to the comprehensive management of chemicals by combining **science-based regulations with voluntary industry initiatives** to protect human health and the environment throughout their life cycle and across the value chain.
- Continue the implementation of **risk-based and mutually compatible regulatory models** in the region, which consider both hazard and exposure.

- **Optimize the use of** public and private **resources** and increase collaboration **and coordination** between regulators and stakeholders recognizing international best practices and evaluations existing in other countries, adapting them to local needs and circumstances, to refine and accelerate the development of national public policies.
- **Plan the implementation of new regulations in** stages, start with the identification of chemicals in trade and their main uses, and then proceed to the subsequent risk management stages.
- Promote consistent **public consultations** and early stakeholder **participation** during the drafting of new regulations that allow them the time needed to share their expertise on international regulatory best practices, and avoid an unnecessary burden on industry and government, minimizing potential damage to economic competitiveness.
- Comply with **transparency commitments** under the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and notify proposed regulations in accordance with its internationally agreed procedures.
- Ensure that the **regulatory impact assessment** is carried out, with the aim of guiding and making decisions, avoiding overlaps with existing regulations and analyzing the available alternatives, to contribute to regulatory actions achieving the established objectives.
- Increase **efforts to share data** by adhering to the OECD agreement on Mutual Data Acceptance (MAD) and Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) standards, promoting the use of alternative methods to animal testing.
- Develop **training** and exchange information on international best **practices** in the integral management of chemical substances.
- Foster **regional regulatory** convergence to facilitate investment, innovation, and trade.

The **Chemical Industry Associations of Latin America** believe that these principles can serve as a basis for strengthening regulatory cooperation in the region and therefore form the Latin American Cooperation Forum (**LARCF**) with the undersigned institutions.

Latin American Associations of the Charter of Regulatory Principles

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