

Key Implementation Milestones under the Lautenberg Act¹

President Obama signed the Lautenberg Act on June 22, 2016

Effective immediately:

New Chemicals

Put in place a new standard for determining the safety of new chemicals that must be met before they can enter the market (first reviews of chemicals under the new standard were released in July 2016)

Confidential Business Information

Review of and determination on all new Confidential Business Information (CBI) claims for chemical identity within 90 days of submission (began July 2016)

Review of and determination on at least 25% of all new non-chemical identity CBI claims within 90 days of submission (began July 2016)

Ongoing Section 6 Rulemakings:

First 10 Risk Evaluations

Publish list of 10 Work Plan chemicals and initiate risk evaluation on those chemicals (expected by mid-December 2016)

Prioritization Rule

Write rule to establish EPA's process and criteria for identifying high-priority chemicals for risk evaluation and low-priority chemicals (proposed rule expected in December 2016, final rule due in June 2017)

Risk Evaluation Rule

Write rule to establish EPA's process for evaluating the risk of high-priority chemicals (proposed rule expected in December 2016, final rule due in June 2017)

Inventory Rule

Write rule to require industry reporting of chemicals manufactured/processed in the previous 10 years, to be used to designate active and inactive chemicals on the TSCA Inventory of existing chemicals and to initiate mandatory EPA review of prior CBI claims masking the identities of active chemicals (proposed rule expected in December 2016, final rule due in June 2017)

Fees Rule

Write rule to require payment of fees by companies. EPA is authorized to collect fees to defray a portion of EPA costs of implementing testing requirements, new and existing chemical reviews, and information management, and to fully defray the cost of industry-requested risk evaluations. There is no deadline for the rule in the bill, but authority to require fees will be needed ASAP (proposed rule expected in December 2016, final rule in June 2017)

¹ See EPA's [1st year implementation plan](#) for details.