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The Status of TSCA Reformed

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Presenter biography

Owner of Bergeson & Campbell, P.C. (B&C[®]), Lynn L. Bergeson has earned an international reputation for her deep and expansive understanding of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the European Union's Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) regulation, and especially how these regulatory programs pertain to nanotechnology, biotechnology, and other emerging transformative technologies. Her knowledge of and involvement in the policy process allows her to develop client-focused strategies whether advocating before Congress, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or other governance and standard-setting bodies.

Ms. Bergeson counsels corporations, trade associations, and business consortia on a wide range of issues pertaining to chemical hazard, exposure and risk assessment, risk communication, minimizing legal liability, and evolving regulatory and policy matters pertinent to products of conventional, biotechnology, biobased chemicals, nanotechnologies, and other emerging technologies, particularly with respect to TSCA, FIFRA, Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), REACH and REACH-like programs, and U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) matters.

Presentation abstract

On June 7, 2016, Congress passed the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. President Obama signed the measure into law on June 22, 2016. New TSCA differs from old TSCA in many significant ways. These TSCA amendments fundamentally revise the law, greatly expand EPA's authority, and address many of the deficits that undermined EPA's ability to manage risks from existing chemicals. EPA's implementation of these substantial amendments will improve public health protection and restore much of the public's confidence in chemical safety. The new law shifts the burden of demonstrating chemical safety for all chemicals, old and new, to chemical manufacturers, processors, and manufacturers of the finished goods that contain them, away from EPA proving the opposite. This presentation discusses the key amendments to TSCA and their impact on SCHC professionals.