**WHEN**: *Friday, December 14, 8am Singapore time*

**WHO**: Government officials responsible for performing regulatory impact assessments for proposed regulations on chemicals and industry stakeholders.

**HOW:** *Cisco Webex Hosted by the American Chemistry Council*

The APEC Chemical Dialogue will hold a one hour webinar to help governments and industry stakeholders understand best practices for performing regulatory impact assessments for proposed regulations on chemicals.

Background

In 2017 the Philippines organized a self-funded APEC project under the Chemical Dialogue (CD) to promote sharing of best practices in chemical regulation. To carry forward that momentum, the project proposed a series of four follow-up technical webinars on specific issues of interest to workshop participants. The CD’s Virtual Working Group on Regulatory Cooperation and Convergence (VWGRCC) circulated a survey for delegates to propose and prioritize potential webinar topics.

The results from the survey indicated four main topics for webinars: 1) regulatory impact assessment; 2) evaluating comments received during public consultations; 3) principles‐based regulation; and 4) tools for collecting exposure information. The American Chemistry Council agreed to host the first webinar on regulatory impact assessments.

WEBINAR Speakers

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WEBINAR Agenda

The meeting intends to cover the following issues:

* What commitments have APEC members made on regulatory impact assessments?
* Why regulatory impact assessments are critical to crafting trade and investment friendly regulations and ensuring high levels of protection for human health and safety and the environment
* How regulators undertake cost-benefit analyses during regulatory impact assessments?
* What is the right point of time to initiate a regulatory impact assessment?
* How can industry stakeholders contribute to regulatory impact assessments?

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