

CHEMICAL DIALOGUE (CD)

including the Regulators Forum

CONVENOR'S REPORT AND INPUTS FOR 2021 CTI ANNUAL REPORT TO MINISTERS

(a) Key outcomes and achievements in 2021

- The CD developed and endorsed the APEC Chemical Dialogue Regulatory Cooperation Checklist. The checklist supplements the APEC Chemical Dialogue Regulatory Cooperation Report endorsed by the CD in 2020 and provides APEC economies and their regulators a step-by-step guide to implementing regulatory cooperation discussions.
- The CD organized two risk assessment workshops (Feb '21 and June '21) to help build the capacity of APEC economies to perform risk assessments on specific chemical substances with limited time, information, and resources.
- The CD endorsed the 2021 Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) survey and report and developed an executive summary with recommendations for APEC Ministers to promote consistency of GHS implementation.
- The CD collaborated with the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group through the Virtual Working Group on Marine Debris to coordinate activities across APEC related to marine debris and circular economy issues.
- The CD amended and endorsed the Terms of Reference 2022 to 2025.

(b) Work Undertaken by the fora in response to COVID-19 (in particular in fulfilling the [2021 Ministers Responsible for Trade Statement & two annexes](#) & the [2020 Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods](#))

- The CD's agenda contains important initiatives aligned to the 2021 MRT Statement and 2020 Declaration through:
 - Preventing barriers to trade in chemicals through promoting regulatory cooperation and implementation of good regulatory practices;
 - Aligning government and industry implementation of the UN Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS); and
 - Building capacity on risk assessment for chemical substances. The CD aims to facilitate trade and raise the standard of sound management of chemicals by expanding and supporting regulatory cooperation and regulatory alignment in the region.
 - Facilitating the flow of critical inputs for essential goods to combat COVID-19. For example, the CD organized a discussion and shared relevant information on how industry is providing critical inputs for medical care products, sanitation, and good hygiene (e.g. protective equipment, medical equipment, and cleaning and disinfecting supplies) and allowed member economies to share information on efforts to accelerate the development and distribution of essential products to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

(c) Key Issues Under Discussion by the Fora (if any);

The CD is continuing its work to:

- Prevent barriers to trade in chemicals through regulatory cooperation;
- Facilitate the flow of critical inputs for essential goods to combat COVID-19 such as personal protective equipment, medical equipment, cleaning, and disinfecting supplies;

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Align implementation of the UN Globally Harmonized System of Chemical Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)• Address emerging issues such as marine debris and waste management of plastic;• Build capacity on risk assessment for chemical substances. |
| <p>(d) Items to submit to Senior Officials or Ministers (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CD requests that Report to APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM) on Implementation Convergence of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) in APEC Economies - Executive Summary be submitted with the CTI report to Ministers. |