



Establishing a Manufacturers' Network on Chemical Regulations

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ACTION AND REACTION

Developing a sustainable approach to emerging chemical issues



Purpose of Breakfast Discussion

- ❑ **Share** findings / follow-up from September 2006 workshop
- ❑ **Identify** key manufacturing issues / concerns
- ❑ **Stimulate** thought process for breakout sessions
- ❑ **Establish** an issue-driven manufacturers' network

Identified Needs *

- **Better anticipation** of emerging issues
 - **Early identification** provides opportunity to inject **science** into policy debates

- **U.S. manufacturers must**
 - **take a more proactive approach** to addressing issues
 - **collaborate** and speak with one voice to have better representation in domestic and international forums

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Identified Needs (continued)

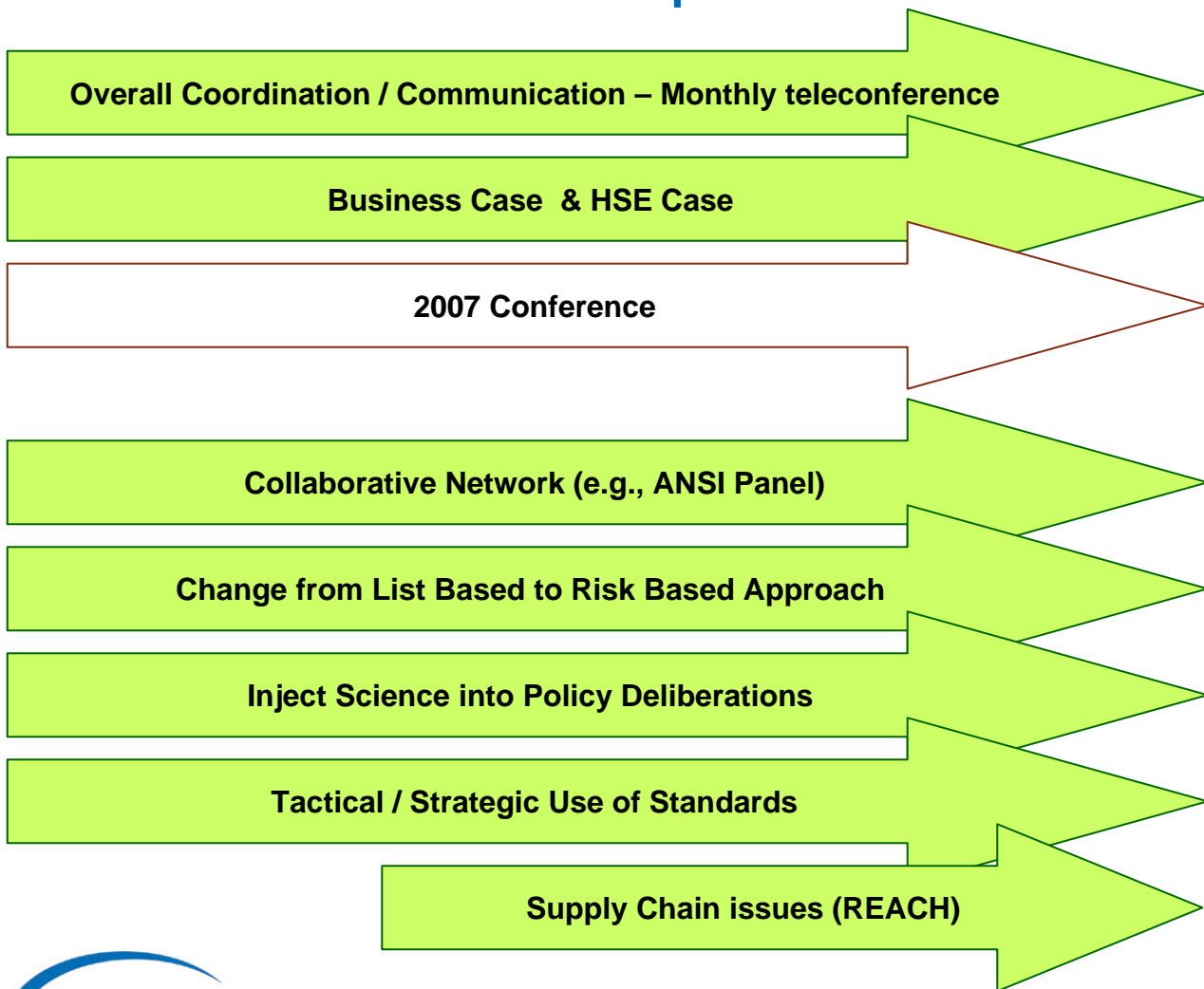
- **Improved communication** with / among
 - manufacturing sectors and entire supply chain
 - Better use of existing technology
 - Better linkage among trade associations
 - **U.S. government with foreign officials** on non-tariff trade barriers associated with diverse chemical regulations
 - More interaction of government scientists and counterparts from other countries
 - Move from “list based” to “risk based” approach

Identified Needs (continued)

- Better use of “**green chemistry**” and “**green engineering**” tools
 - Life cycle assessment

- More **effective / strategic use of voluntary standards** to complement regulation
 - Regulations are the “what”; standards are the “how”

Follow-up Actions from 2006 Workshop



Next steps

What's Next?

- Many key manufacturing issues still need to be addressed
 - Lead time
 - Cost
 - Supply chain readiness
 - Proliferation of similar regulation
 - Non-common requirements
 - Lack of standards for implementation
 - Proprietary information
 - Forced de-selection of materials used in manufactured goods
 - Supply chain disruption
 - Others (*to be discussed during today's breakout sessions*)

Proposal

- Establish a **manufacturers' network** on chemical regulations
 - **Disseminate information**
 - **Identify issues of concern**
 - **Share best practices**
 - **Explore training needs**
 - **Leverage resources**

Next Steps

- ❑ Recruit interested companies/organization
- ❑ Establish communication channels
(e.g., Internet, e-mail & teleconference network)
- ❑ Set initial priorities
- ❑ Develop action plan to advance agenda
- ❑ Coordinate through ANSI

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