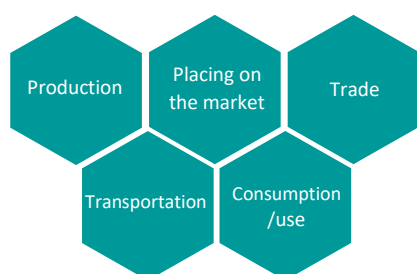


Report on legal and institutional frameworks for the sound management of chemicals in Latin America and the Caribbean


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The information was classified in accordance with the **stage of the life cycle and the type and group of chemicals considered.**




10 This is the number of countries that have informed advances on their legal frameworks.

4 Case studies were analyzed to illustrate trends and good regulatory practices in the region.

 **Chile (2018)**
Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR).

 **Colombia (2018)**
Implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

 **Peru (2020)**
Integrated Chemicals Management Draft Bill.

 **Suriname (2014)**
Five Year National Action Plan for Sound management of Chemicals.

REGIONAL TRENDS

Progress is being made in the development of regulations for the sound management of chemicals.

11 Advanced long-term national strategies or policies for addressing more than one stage of the chemicals' life cycle.

Heterogeneity in the implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

Countries are making progress in the implementation of the GHS in fields other than the transport (workplace, consumer products or agrochemicals). **9**

Limited implementation of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs)

3 Only 3 countries have PRTR in place and 8 countries are still assessing the feasibility of its implementation at the national level.


New initiatives to develop national inventories and registers of industrial chemicals.


Countries that have started the development of regulations to establish inventories/registers of industrial chemicals and mechanisms for risk assessment and risk management, mostly driven by the motivation to join the OECD. **7**

LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES

 Promote the exchange of experiences among countries; establish intersectoral coordination; channel regional coordination through existing platforms such as trade blocs, networks and forums.


 Develop tools to facilitate its effective implementation; if no system is in place, consider the adoption the GHS on a voluntary basis through technical standards.

 Identify and take advantage of capacity-building opportunities offered by international organizations, LAC countries and others; develop a regional implementation strategy, within the framework of the Escazú Agreement.

 Adapt existing information and risk approach systems to national and regional conditions; formally establish intergovernmental cooperation at the national level; take advantage of the resources and information available in the region through regulatory cooperation

ADDITIONAL CONTENT

 List of regulatory instruments adopted and drafted for the management of chemicals in the last decade in 10 countries of the region.

 List of relevant guidance documents, from recognized international sources, on the sound management of chemicals throughout the life cycle stages. The list is focused on guidance to support the development of legislation.