

## **Chemicals and waste**

### **India — Draft chemicals management and safety rules**

The United States questioned India's classification of certain chemicals as “priority substances” without public consultation, which could disrupt trade. The US called on India to use a risk-based approach and clarify the relationship of the draft rules with India’s existing regulations. India was requested to accept foreign conformity assessment procedures and provide an adequate transition period.

India said that the draft rules were not yet finalized and were circulated among industry associations as part of an extensive stakeholder consultation exercise. It added that the draft would be notified once finalized and there would be a reasonable time period for comments.