

# Colombia's update from the Latin American and Caribbean Region

## Nanosafety Workshop for the Latin American and Caribbean region

1 – 2 February, 2018  
Panamá



# Outline

- **Summary of activities 2015 – 2017**
- **Programme for the Management of Chemicals for Industrial Use**
- **Other accomplishments**

# 1. Summary of activities

# National Chemicals Policy

## Background:

- Establish long term objectives to manage the environmental and health risks associated with the use of chemicals.
- Align the efforts of institutions involved.
- Incorporate OECD guidelines and commitments.
- Implement the *Programme for the Management of Chemicals for Industrial Use* and the *Major Accident Prevention Programme*.
- Define funding requirements and sources to implement the programmes.

## CONPES 3868 of 2016:

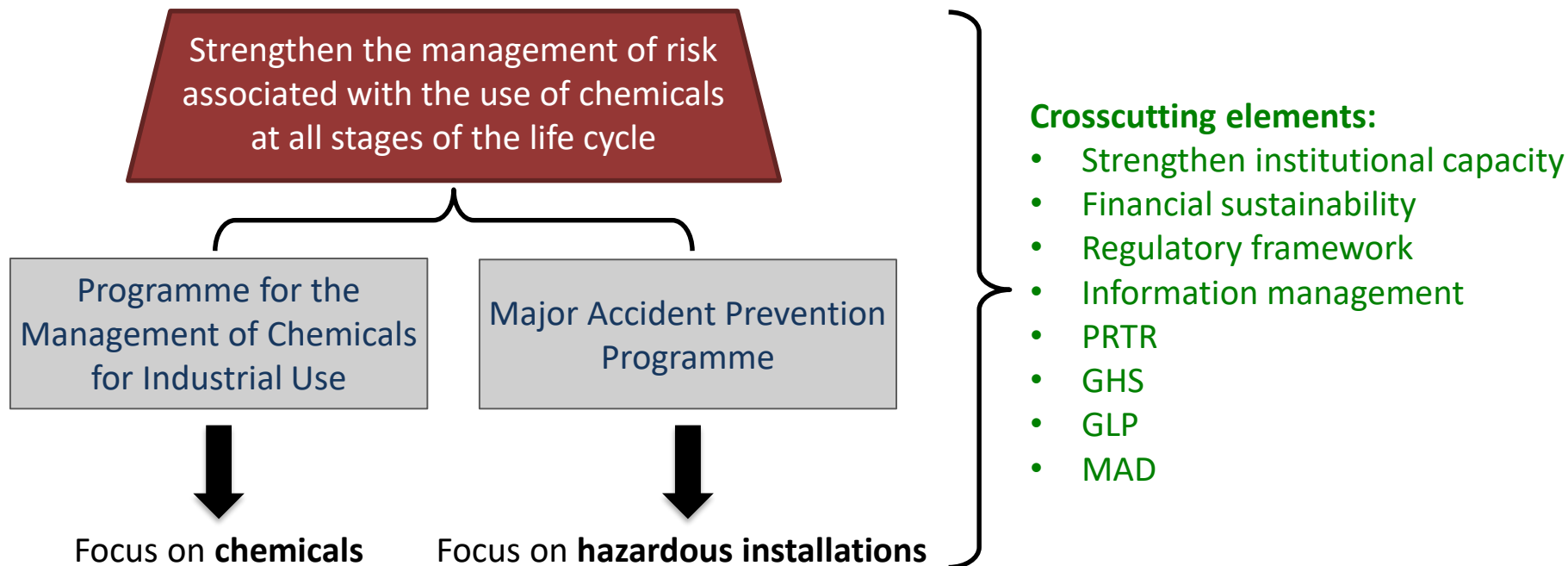
- The National Policy for the Management of Risk Associated with the Use of Chemical Substances, was approved by all Ministers on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- **Objective:** Strengthen the management of chemical substances throughout their life cycle in order to reduce risk on the environment, health and infrastructure associated to their use.

➤ **14 out of the 21 Legal Instruments from the Chemicals Committee are included in the Policy.**



# National Chemicals Policy

## Elements of the Policy:



## Action Plan (2017 – 2020):

- Specific activities by all involved Ministries and Agencies, and allocates resources for their implementation.

## **2. Programme for the Management of Chemicals for Industrial Use**

# Programme for the Management of Chemicals for Industrial Use

## Brief Context:

- Government created the **Industrial Chemicals Committee** to design and implement the Programme.
- The IOMC Toolbox web application was a key reference framework.
- OECD Legal Instruments taken into account to design the Programme are: C(77)97/FINAL, C(74)215, C(96)41/FINAL, C(90)163/FINAL, C(87)90/FINAL, C(83)98/FINAL, C(83)96/FINAL, C(82)196/Final, and C(83)97/FINAL.

## Objective:

Protect human health and the environment in the national territory from the risks associated with the use of industrial chemicals.

## Scope:

The Programme will cover the following chemicals when exceeding predetermined thresholds:

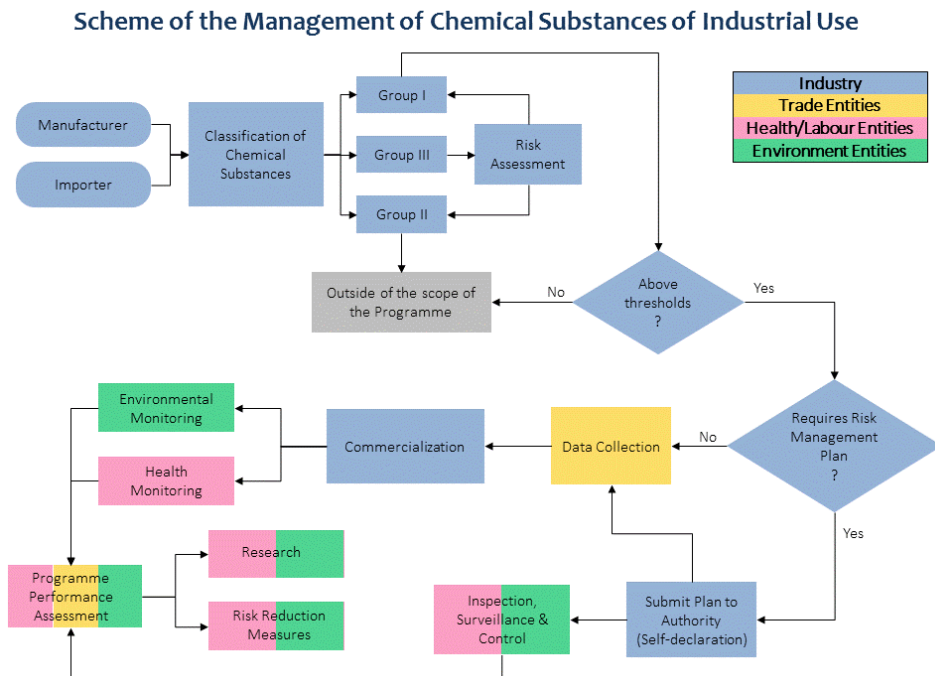
- Imported and manufactured, identified in the National Chemicals Inventory;
- New and existing substances;
- Pure substances and homogeneous mixtures of industrial use and with a fully defined composition.
- Subsequent stages will also cover heterogeneous mix and products.



# Programme for the Management of Chemicals for Industrial Use

## Progress:

- Draft regulation for the **Adoption of the Programme** ready by the end of 2017, issued in 1Q-2018.
- Information to be collected through the **National Registry** has been defined.
- Draft **Decree for the Adoption of the GHS** under review by stakeholders, to be issued in 1Q-2018.
- Programme will take into account the OECD Test Guidelines when testing and managing risks of manufactured nanomaterials.





### 3. Other accomplishments



- In 2015, Colombia hosted the Technical Workshop for the Latin American and Caribbean Region on Nanotechnology and Manufactured Nanomaterials: Safety Issues, organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Participants included representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Uruguay. **The workshop was a perspective-gathering exercise for the establishment of regional nanosafety requirements.**
- The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and the Academia will work in a project to inventory the nano materials in use in the country as a starting point to further assessment of nano materials waste.



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