



SUPPORT THE NO IRIS ACT

Passage of the HR 1415/S 623, No Industrial Restrictions in Secret Act (IRIS) of 2025, will be a crucial step towards ensuring U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory decisions are based on transparent, objective and high-quality scientific evidence, fostering a more competitive and innovative chemical industry in the United States.

The National Aquaculture Association strongly supports scientific integrity and innovation. The No IRIS Act aligns with these principles by seeking to reform the regulatory environment, reduce unnecessary burdens, and enhance the competitiveness of U.S. aquaculture. The IRIS program has never been authorized by Congress, and since 2009, the program has remained on the GAO's High-Risk series, which identifies government programs that are vulnerable to fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.

The EPA's formaldehyde risk evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) relies on an IRIS value to propose workplace limits that are significantly lower than the recently updated European Union occupational limits. Regulations to impose these limits could shut down the economical production of formaldehyde in the U.S. and raise prices throughout the supply chain. Formaldehyde is a critical chemical needed for aquaculture animal care, agriculture, housing, transportation, lifesaving vaccines, and national security.

Key Points on the Legislation:

- ➡ **Competitive Edge:** The No IRIS Act will help maintain the U.S. chemical manufacturing sector's trade surplus by ensuring the best available science is the basis for regulations and prevent costly and overly burdensome regulations that could give other countries a competitive advantage.
- ➡ **National Security:** By maintaining a strong and innovative chemical sector, the U.S. can avoid supply chain disruptions, protect critical chemistries needed for national security applications, and help ensure continued economic resilience and prosperity.
- ➡ **Economic Impact:** The chemical industry is foundational to economic growth and innovation, supporting nearly every corner of the economy from agriculture and national defense to life-saving medical devices and cell phones. The industry is responsible for more than \$600 billion in economic impact and supports over 4 million jobs. The act will also help mitigate the cost of living for American families and prevent the outsourcing of high-wage jobs.

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