

# The Product Improvement Process as a Driver for Green Chemistry Innovation

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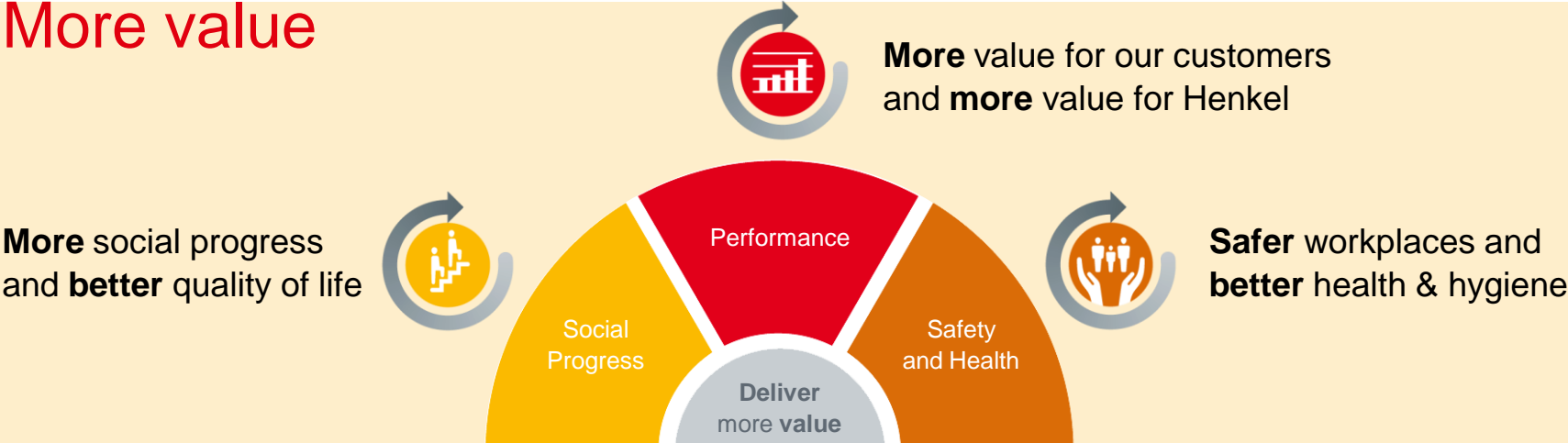
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# Background: Henkel Sustainability Focal Areas

Green Chemistry & Product Improvement Process (PIP) Imbedded in Corp. Vision & Values

## More value



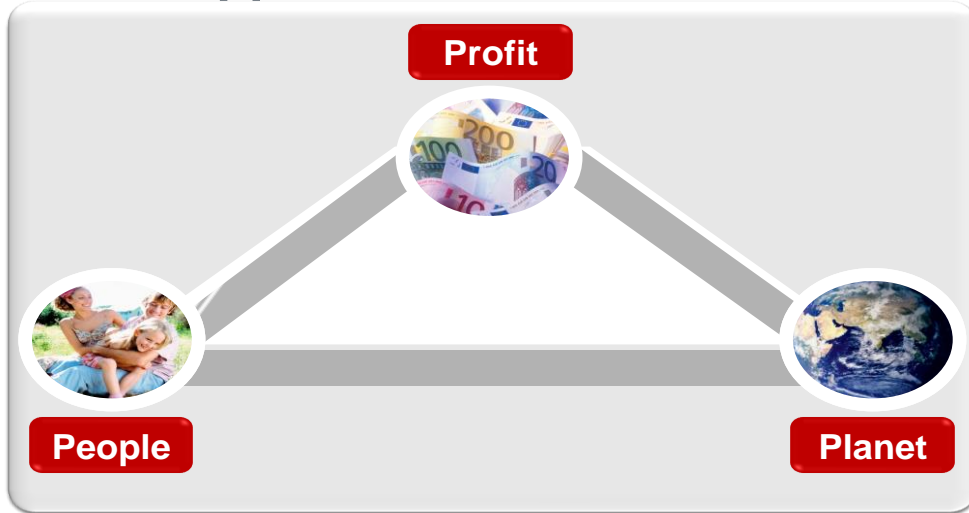
**Less energy used and less greenhouse gases**

## Reduced footprint



# Background: Henkel Sustainability Strategy

## A Holistic Approach

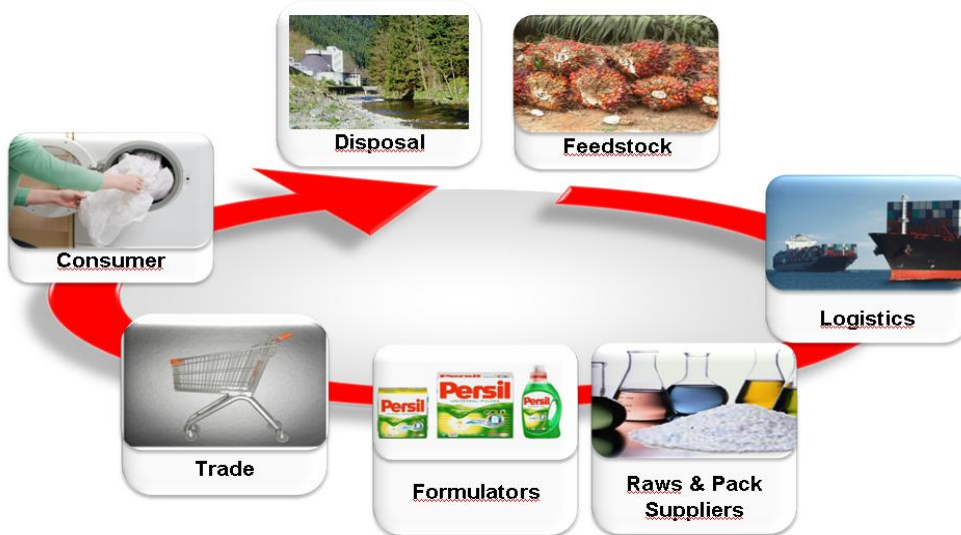


People, Planet, Profit

→ Triple Bottom Line

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Sustainability  
along the Value Chain



= Holistic approach

# Background: Henkel Promotes More Sustainable Consumption

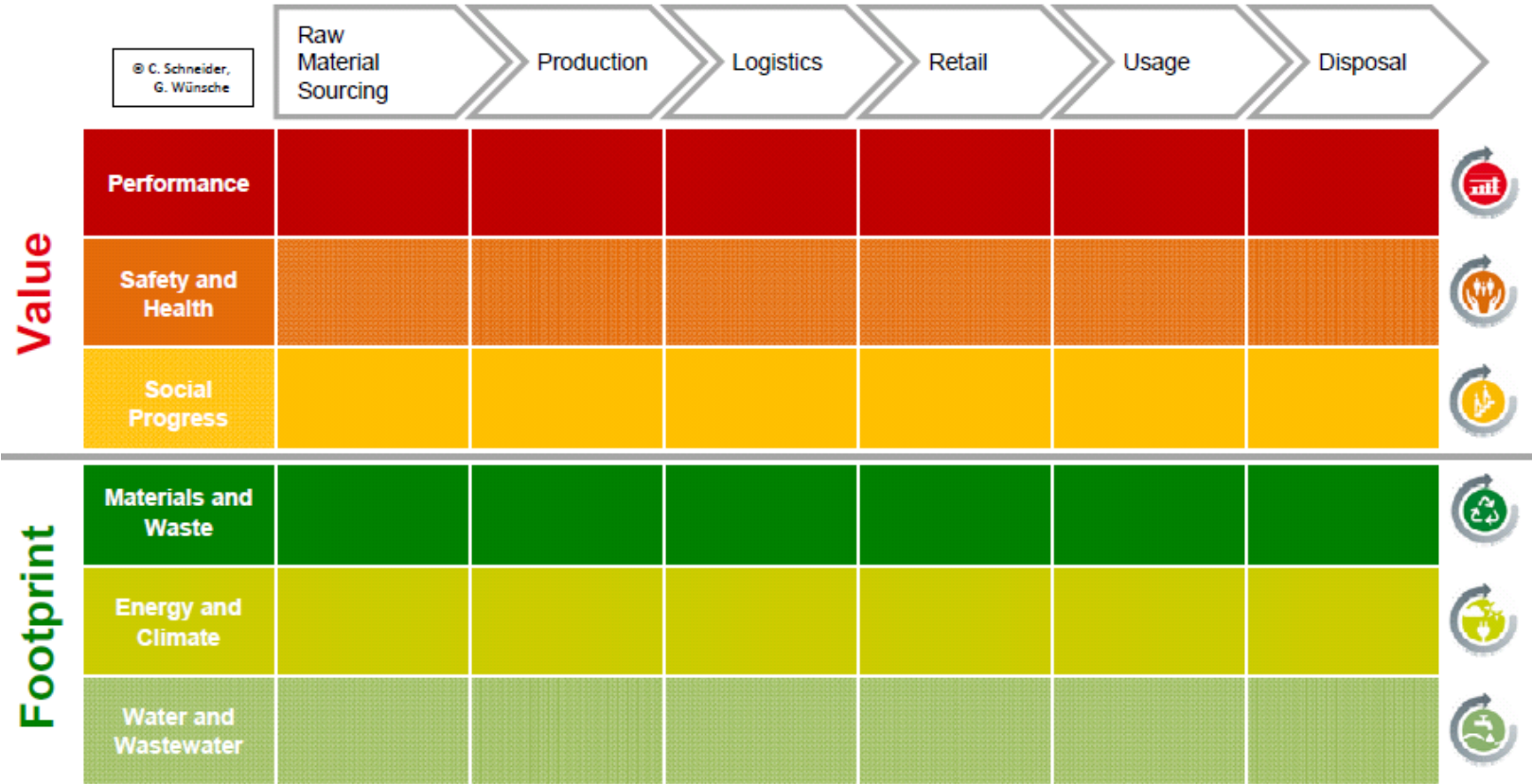
- Henkel is calling for collective actions to boost the sustainability of our business activities by a factor of 3 for 2030\*



\* Henkel Chairman Kasper Rorsted's presentation in Montreux to detergent industry (October 6, 2010)  
[http://www.henkel.com/com/content\\_data/193659\\_Rorsted\\_Montreux\\_20101006g.pdf](http://www.henkel.com/com/content_data/193659_Rorsted_Montreux_20101006g.pdf)

# Sustainable Consumption Index

Holistic approach → The matrix



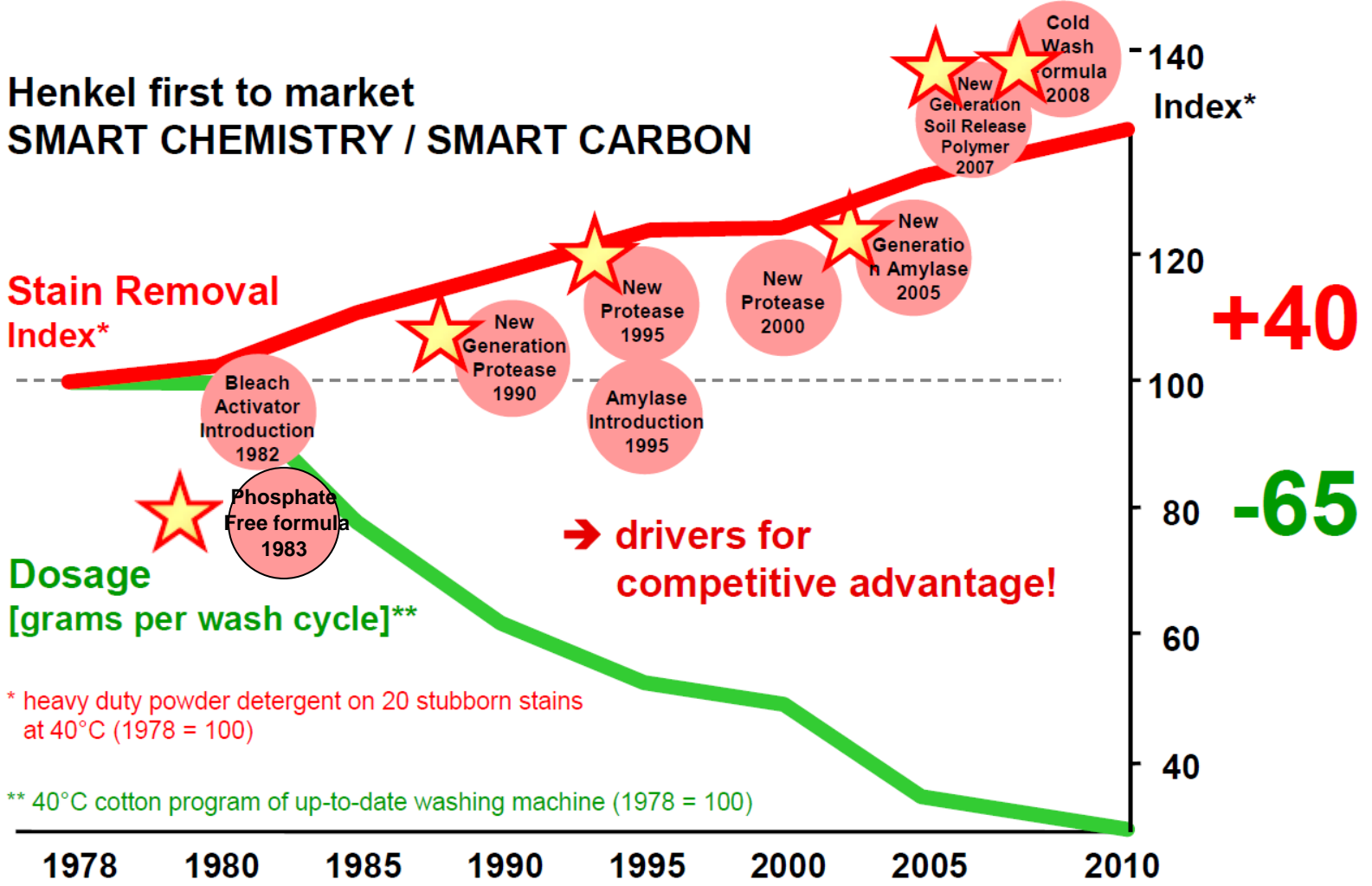


# More with Less - Sustainability Innovation History

## The Example of Laundry Detergents



Henkel first to market  
**SMART CHEMISTRY / SMART CARBON**



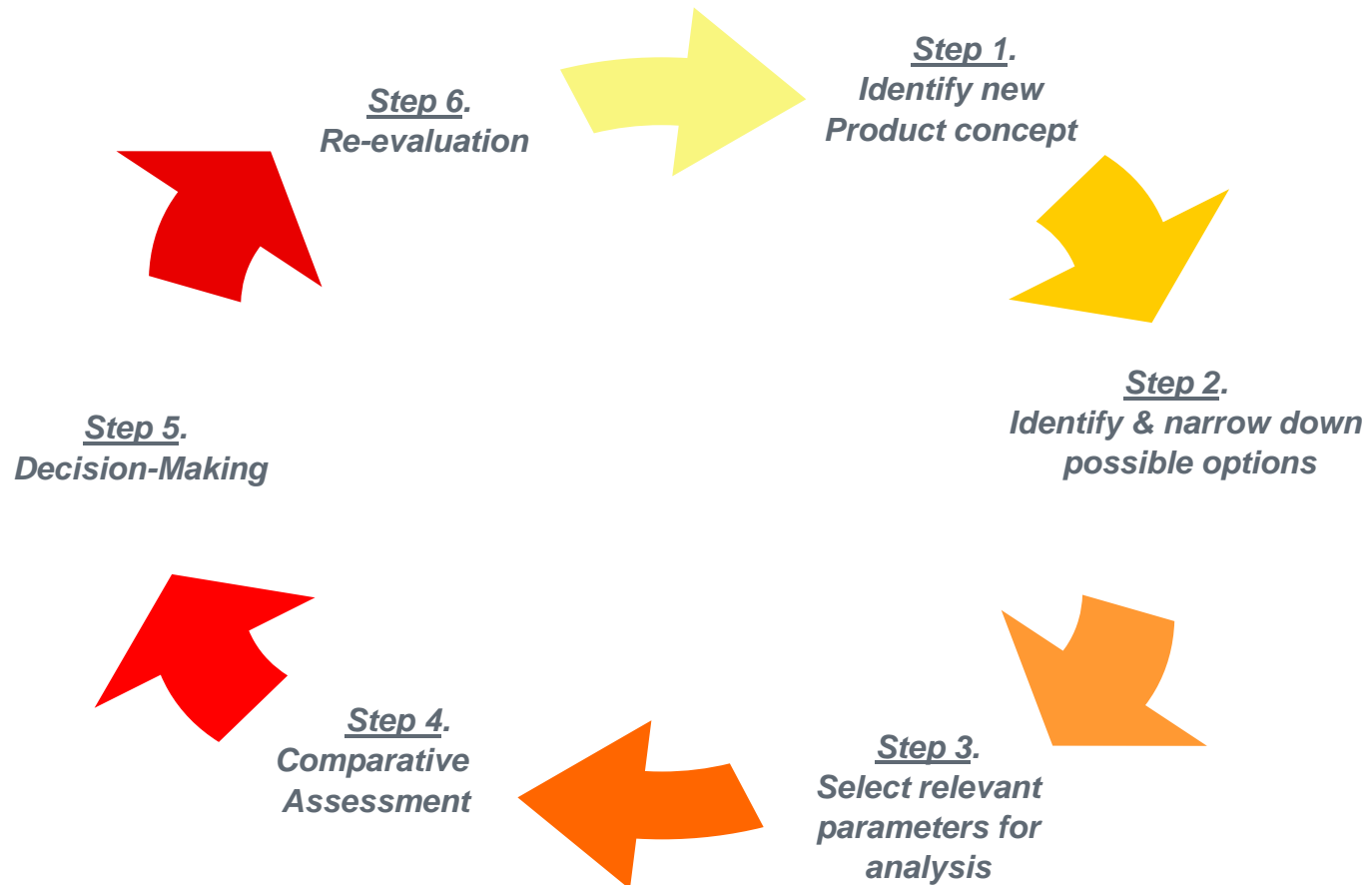
\* heavy duty powder detergent on 20 stubborn stains at 40°C (1978 = 100)

\*\* 40°C cotton program of up-to-date washing machine (1978 = 100)



# Product Innovation and Improvement Process

## All about continuous improvement!





# Elements Typically Evaluated During Product Innovation or Improvement Process

## Cut Across all Product Lifecycle Stages



TYPICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA	
<b>1. Safety (Human and Environmental)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Public Health Impacts, incl. sensitive subpopulations</li><li>- Environmental Impacts</li><li>- Water quality impacts</li><li>- Air emissions</li><li>- Green house gas (CHG) emissions</li><li>- Waste/End-of-Life Disposal</li></ul>
<b>2. Performance and Cost</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Product function/performance</li><li>- Useful Life</li><li>- Economic impact</li></ul>
<b>3. Lifecycle/Resource Utilization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Material/Resource Consumption</li><li>- Water conservation</li><li>- Energy inputs (Production, In-use, and transportation)</li><li>- Energy efficiency</li></ul>
<b>4. Additional Considerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Integration of smart chemistry &amp; sustainable consumption</li><li>- Availability/sourcing</li><li>- Manufacturing capability</li><li>- Regulatory compliance</li><li>- Claims substantiation</li><li>- Consumer acceptance</li></ul>

# Step 1 - Green Chemistry Innovation is Driven by the Matrix

Example: Henkel laundry detergent innovation efforts throughout a product life cycle toward more sustainable consumption (value up & footprint down).



Value

<b>Performance</b>		<b>Concentrated Formulation</b>		<b>Affordability</b>	<b>Convenient Multi-Task Performance</b>	<b>Reduce Potential Env. Impacts</b>	
<b>Safety and Health</b>	Safe / Meet EPA DfE Criteria			EPA DfE Label Designation	Sensitive pop. safe		
<b>Social Progress</b>			Smaller & Lightweight Packaging	Shelf Ready Packaging	Lower energy / water costs in use phase	Disposal Convenience	

Footprint

<b>Materials and Waste</b>	Renewable Ingredients (%)	Recyclable Packaging used (%)	Packaging efficiency			Recycled Packaging Content (%)	
<b>Energy and Climate</b>			Less transportation fuel		Lower temperature / GHG in use phase		
<b>Water and Wastewater</b>	> 90% naturally-sourced ingredients	Less water in product and production				Biodegradable ingredients	



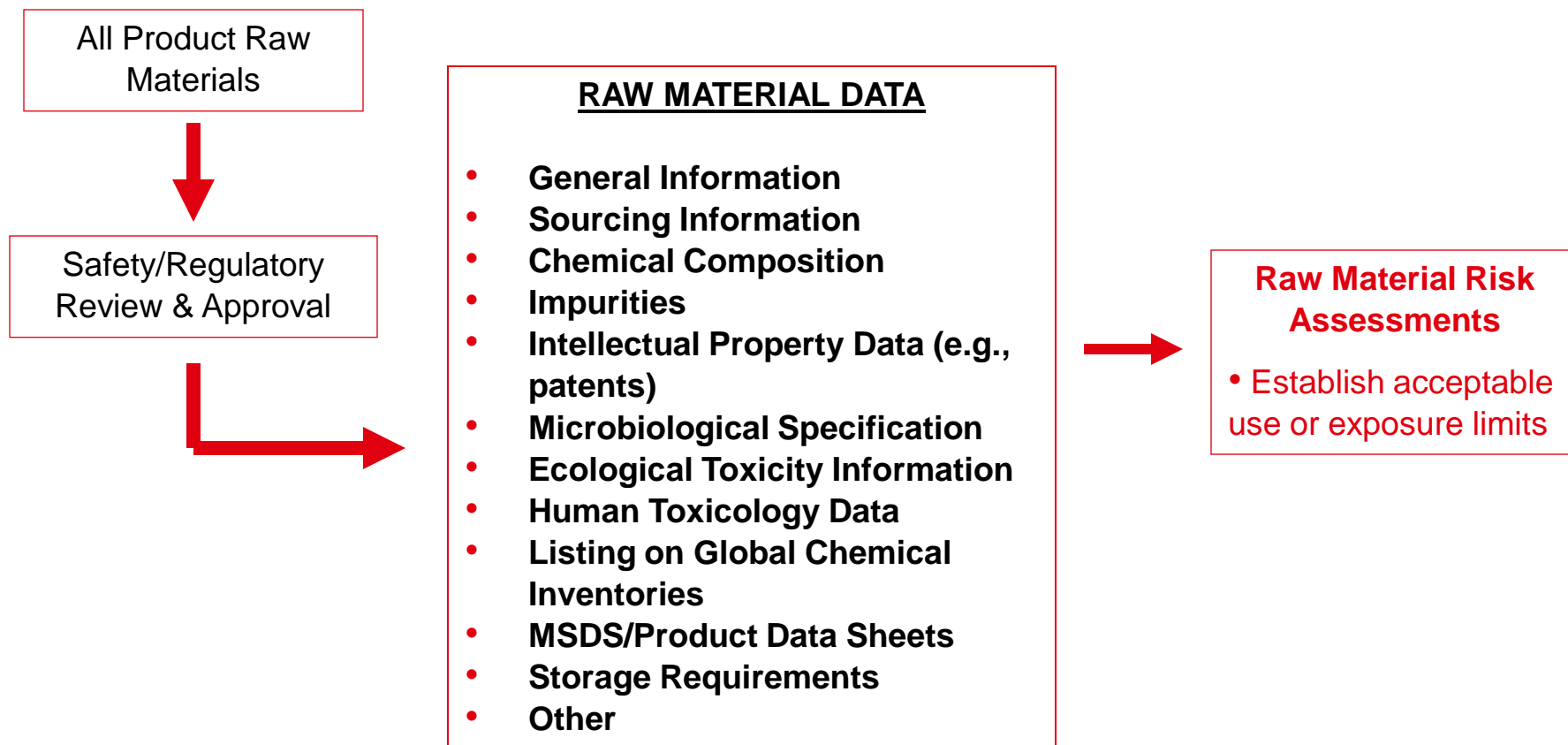
## **Safety Assurance is Integral part of Product Life Cycle**

During innovation, existing use & product improvement evaluation

### **Safety Review of Ingredients and Formulas Typically Occurs Several Times During a Product Life Cycle**

- New raw materials
- Prototype formulations
- Clinical safety evaluations
- Consumer use tests
- Market Introduction
- Post-Market Surveillance
- Reformulation

## Step 2 – Typical Screening Process for Raw Materials & Possible Product Improvement Assessments



## **Step 3 – Aspirations & Parameters for Green Chemistry Innovation**

### General Metrics for “Green” Chemistry in Home and Personal Care Products

- Higher levels of sustainable, easily renewable resources
- Use of ecological-friendly chemicals
- Better Safety and Toxicity Profiles

## Step 3 (cont.) – Examples of More Specific Elements and Parameters Targeted During Product Innovation or Improvement Process

### Example: Development of Home & Personal Care Products with Bio-Preferred Surfactants and/or Naturally Sourced Ingredients

- Derived from “renewable” feedstock sources
- Does not represent a human health risk under use conditions
- Undergoes rapid & extensive biodegradation
- Acceptable level of aquatic toxicity
- Does not accumulate in any environmental compartment
- Complies with pertinent regulations and readily available in desired quantities
- Acceptable formulation compatibility/performance/cost
- Acceptable from consumer and claims perspective
- Other (e.g., recycled package content, more concentrated, smaller package, etc.)

## Step 3 (Cont.) – Additional Elements and Parameters Targeted For select products designated as EPA DfE

### Meets DfE Criteria for Direct Release Surfactant Product

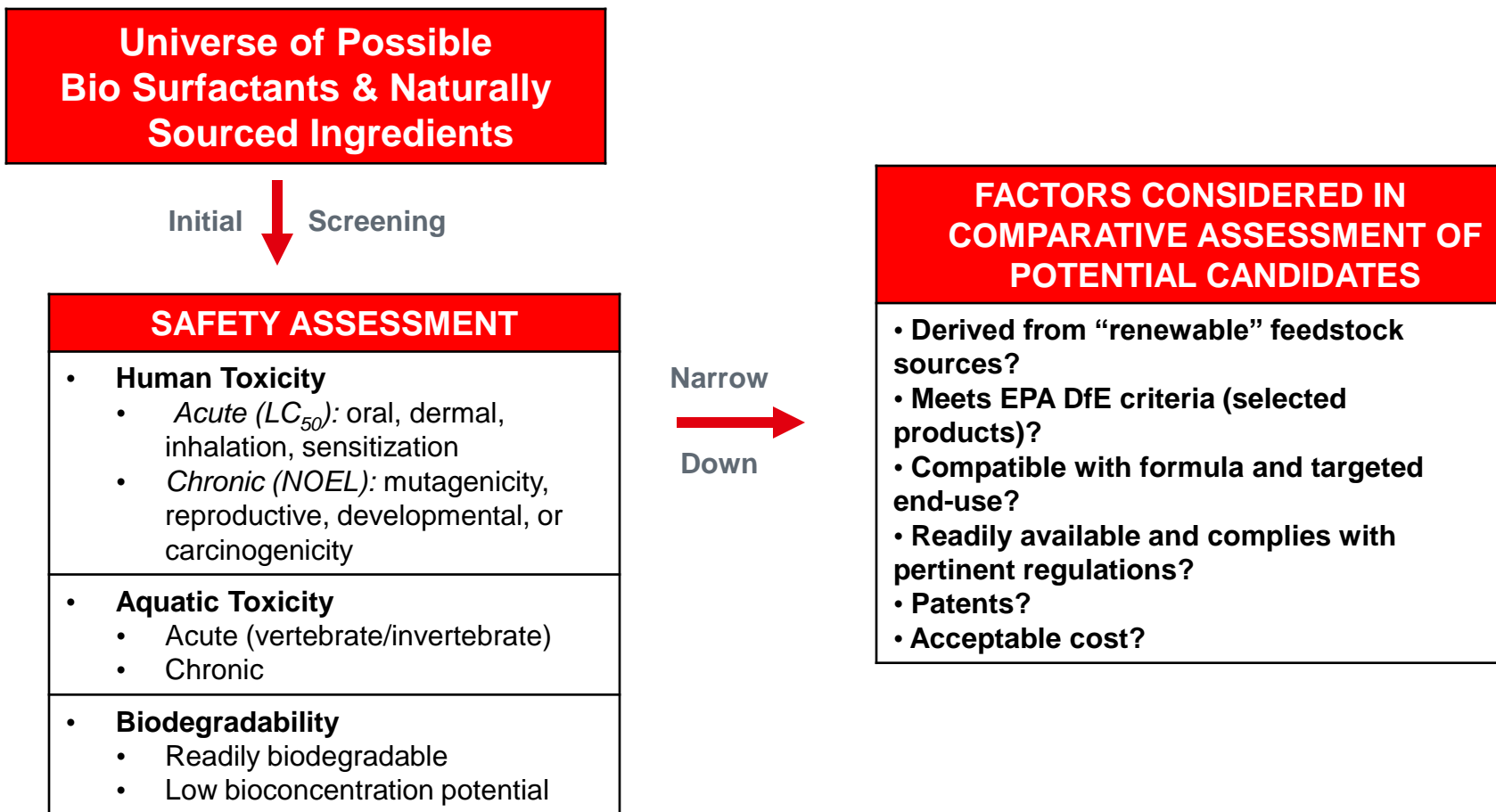
	Acute Aquatic Toxicity Value (L/E/IC50) <sup>1</sup>	Persistence (Measured in terms of rate of biodegradation)	Status
1	≤10 ppm		Not acceptable
2	>10 ppm and <100 ppm	Biodegradation occurs within a 10-day window without products of concern <sup>3</sup>	Acceptable
3	≥100 ppm	Biodegradation occurs within 28 days without products of concern	Acceptable

Source: DfE's Standard and Criteria for Safer Chemical Ingredients <http://www.epa.gov/dfe/pubs/projects/gfcp/index.htm#Toxicity>



# Step 4 – Generic Comparative Assessment

## Factors Considered in Screening & Comparative Assessment of Potential Candidates



## Step 5 – Decision-Making

### Example of Acceptance Process

- Meets all selection criteria in sustainability matrix?
- Does not represent a health risk under use conditions?
- Undergoes rapid & extensive biodegradation
- Derived from “renewable” feedstock sources?
- Has attributes that are important for product
- Meets EPA DfE requirements?

#### FINAL EVALUATION & SELECTION

- Incorporate into test formulations
- Test formulations for performance
- Test formulations for human & environmental safety
- Confirm consumer acceptance
- Substantiate claims

# Green Chemistry Innovation Accomplishments

## Examples

### Home & Personal Care Green Chemistry Product Accomplishments

#### Home care and laundry products:

- Bio-based surfactants & naturally sourced ingredients
- Biodegradable
- Packaging with less plastics and recycled plastics
- Concentrated products with less water
- Less transportation – saving fuel and GHG emission
- Cold water laundry detergent – saving energy in consumer home use

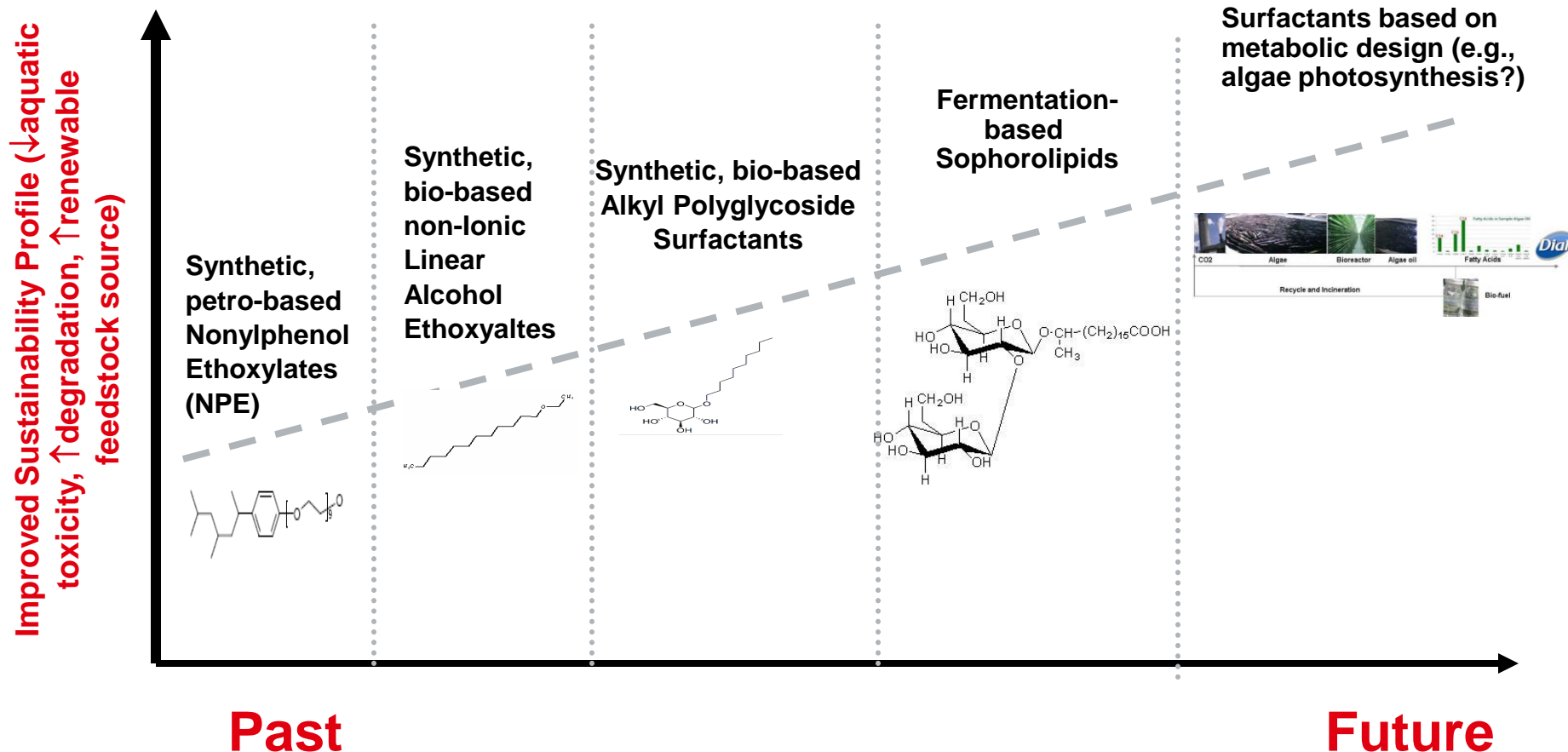
#### Personal care products:

- Cold process formulations – saving energy in production
- Naturally sourced ingredients, hypoallergenic and gentle to skin
- Novel product design – saving water in consumer home use

#### Products with EPA “Design for Environment” (DfE) designation


# Eco-innovation Towards Greener Chemical Ingredients


## Examples: Continuous Improvements for Greener Surfactants



## Eco-innovation Towards Greener Chemical Ingredients (Cont')

Example: Effective chemical safety evaluation under HERA risk assessment program based on industry voluntary measures

KPI	REPORTING DATA	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
 Chemicals safety evaluation	% of ingredients covered by HERA <sup>o</sup> (I&I not included)	64.3 %	68.6 %	72.9%	75.7%	74.7%	75.5%

 Participating companies	Companies reporting (number of)	8	19	33	45	59	65
	Manufacturing sites covered	62	78	108	133	152	162
	% vs Total	81.6%	78.8%	84.4%	88.7%	89.9%	92.6%
	Production covered	7.3 m t	9.3 m t	10.5 m t	11.1 m t	11.1 m t	11.6 m t
	% vs Total	86.2 %	86.1 %	92.1%	94.7%	95.7%	97.8%
	Units of consumer products sold (I&I not included)	5,800 m	8,200 m	9,300 m	9,700 m	10,200 m	10,300 m

\* A digest from AISE Activity and Sustainability Report 2010-2011:

[http://www.aise.eu/downloads/AISE-AR-SR%202010-2011\\_web-version.pdf](http://www.aise.eu/downloads/AISE-AR-SR%202010-2011_web-version.pdf)

# Conclusion & Comments

- Utilization of the Product Improvement Process -
  - ✓ Successfully drives green chemistry & sustainability innovation
  - ✓ Incorporates the product safety, performance and lifecycle evaluation elements common in AAs
  - ✓ Recognizes trade-offs
- Addition of onerous regulatory elements to the process can result in unintended consequences such as -
  - ✓ Increases in time & resources for new product development
  - ✓ Loss of confidential business information & trade secrets
  - ✓ Creation of a non-leveled playing field in the global marketplace

**Thank you!**



# ADDITIONAL SLIDES

# EPA DfE Program - Basic Components

- Promote green chemistry
- Understand toxicity
- Life cycle thinking

## Continuum of Improvement

### Formula Ingredient by Functional Class

