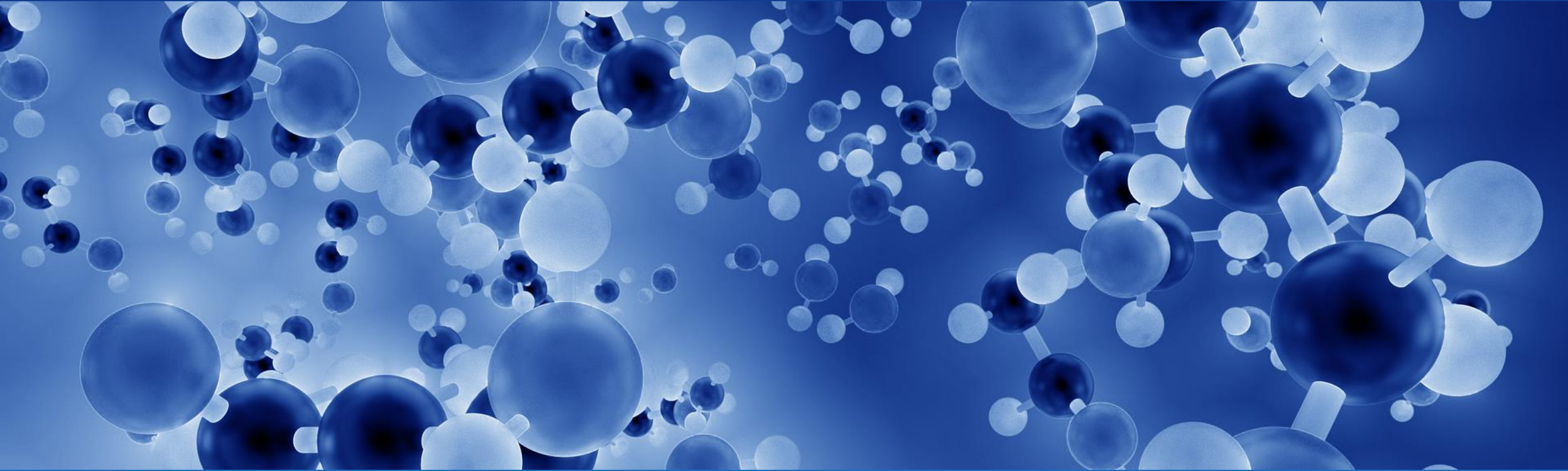




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# Evaluations

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# Agenda

- Evaluations overview
- Evaluation process
  - Examples
- Evaluation Roadmap



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# Evaluation overview

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# Evaluations – post introduction assessment

Evaluations allow us to:

- continue to assess chemicals listed on the Inventory
- identify and quickly assess chemicals of concern
- respond to emerging concerns and/or new information, including new information provided by chemical introducers
- generate and publish up-to-date information on chemicals and their risks
- maintain the Inventory's accuracy





# What can an evaluation cover?

## Chemicals

- Listed on the Inventory
- Under a current certificate
- Under an authorisation
- Introduced under the Reported or Exempted categories
- Excluded from other parts of the Act
- Single or group

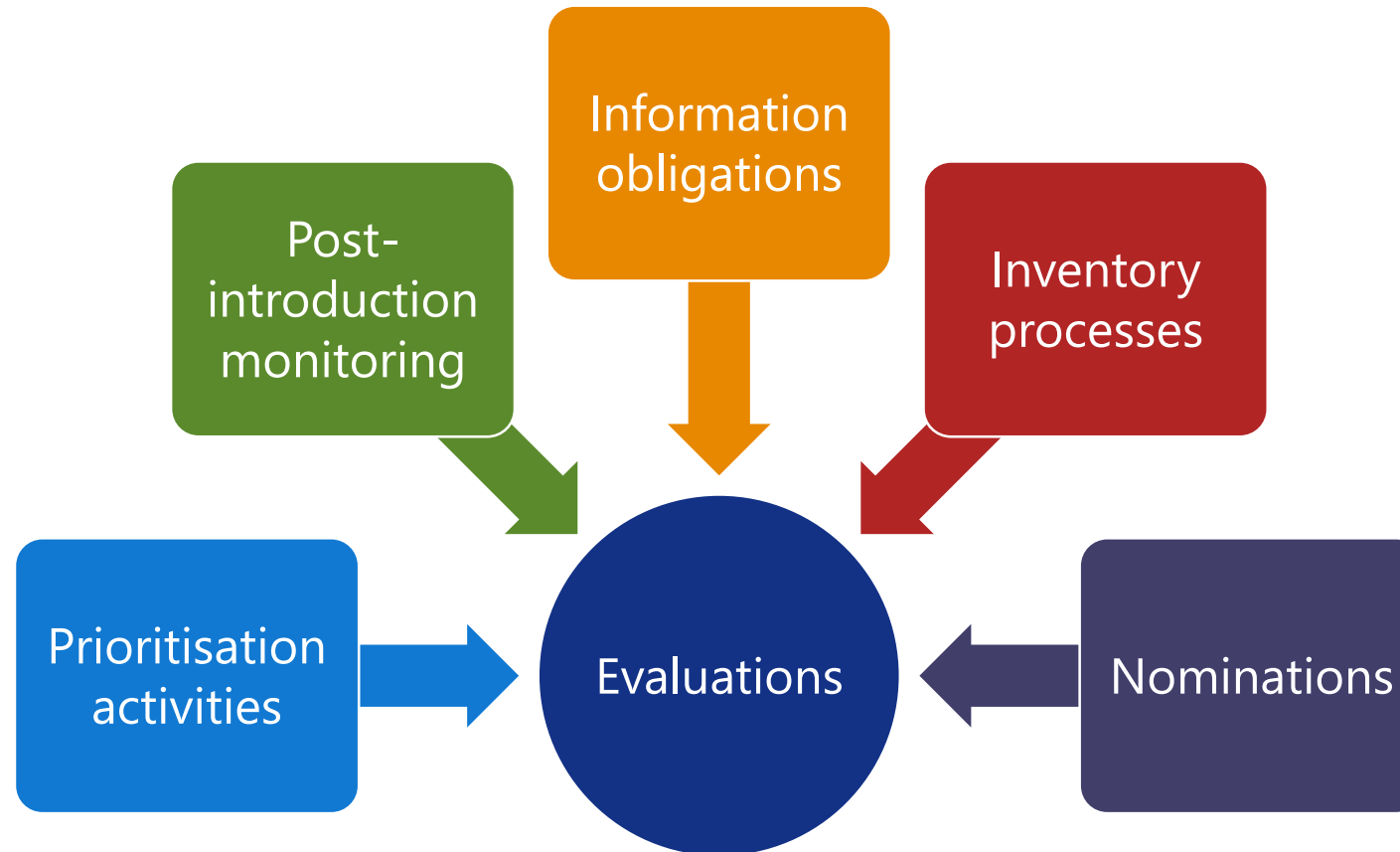
## Focus

- Identity
- Exposure
- Hazard
- Risk
- Human Health
- Environment
- Specific circumstances of introduction





# Evaluations – triggers?





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# Evaluations process

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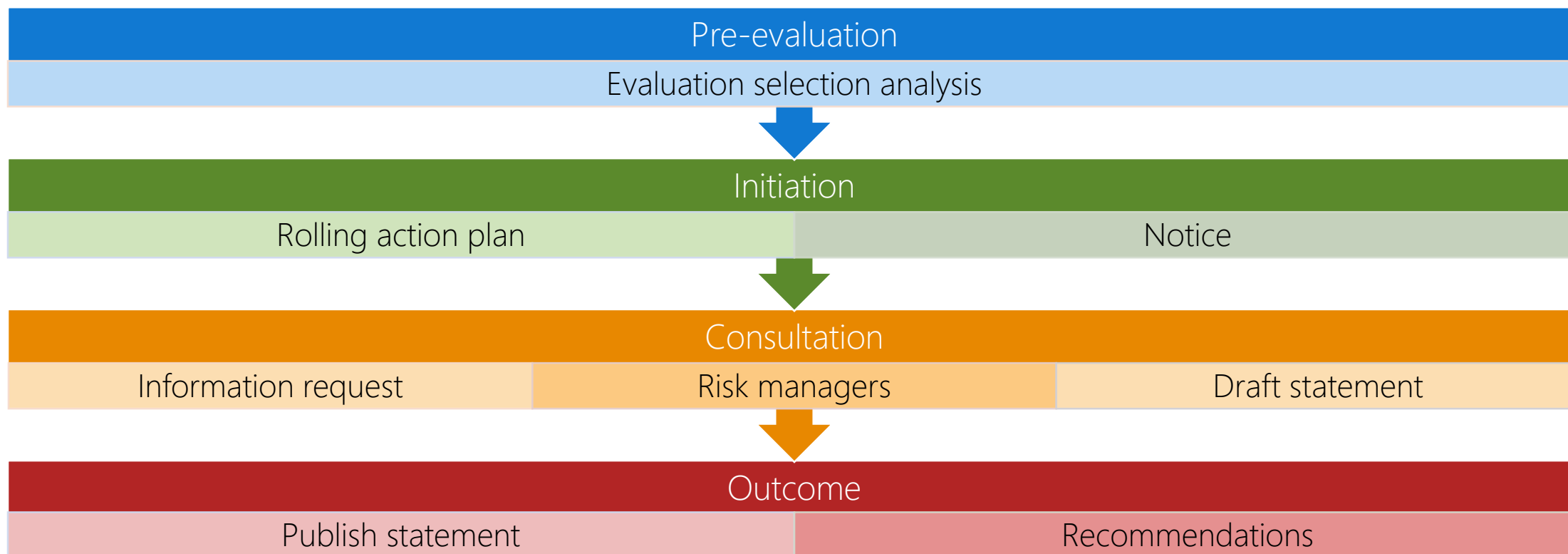
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# Evaluation process

## What happens during an evaluation





# Pre-evaluation

## Evaluation selection analysis

- Targets evaluation work – risk proportionate
- Determines availability of information
- Determines need for an evaluation
  - risk management recommendations
  - regulatory changes under the Act
  - stakeholder access to information
- Weighting criteria for prioritising listed chemicals





## Initiating an evaluation

Certificate

Other Evaluations

Notice to certificate holder

Rolling Action Plan

Subject + Reason + Timeframe



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## Rolling action plan

- Published on website
- Initiates evaluation
  - contains subject, reason and timeframe
- Provides early and transparent communication
  - allows input
- Allows agile assessment of chemicals
  - can be amended



# Consultation

## Certificate

- Initiation notice
- Request for information
- Draft evaluation statement
- No public consultation

## Other Evaluations

- Rolling action plan
- Calls for information
  - voluntary
  - mandatory
- Public consultation

## Risk managers

- Must consult
  - change to certificate
- May consult
  - other evaluations
  - CBI





# Calls for information

## Other Evaluations

- Mandatory only if
  - we haven't been able to get the information by any other means
  - we need the information to confirm whether a chemical is being introduced, or is in use, in Australia
  - we need the information to establish if there are risks
  - the information is necessary for Australia to meet its obligations under international agreements or arrangements
- Made to
  - introducers of a chemical (previous 12 months to next 12 months)
  - other people we believe have relevant information



# Evaluation outcome

## What will we include in an Evaluation Statement

- Subject
- Parameters/scope of evaluation
- Summary
- Conclusion
- Any risks to human health or the environment
- Means for managing risks including recommendations
  - for risk management
  - to AICIS



# Evaluation outcomes

## Always

- Published Evaluation Statement

## Frequent

- Recommendations for risk management

## Infrequent

- Including, removing or varying terms of certificate and listing
- Adding chemicals to inventory

## Rare

- Cancelling a certificate
- Removing chemical from inventory

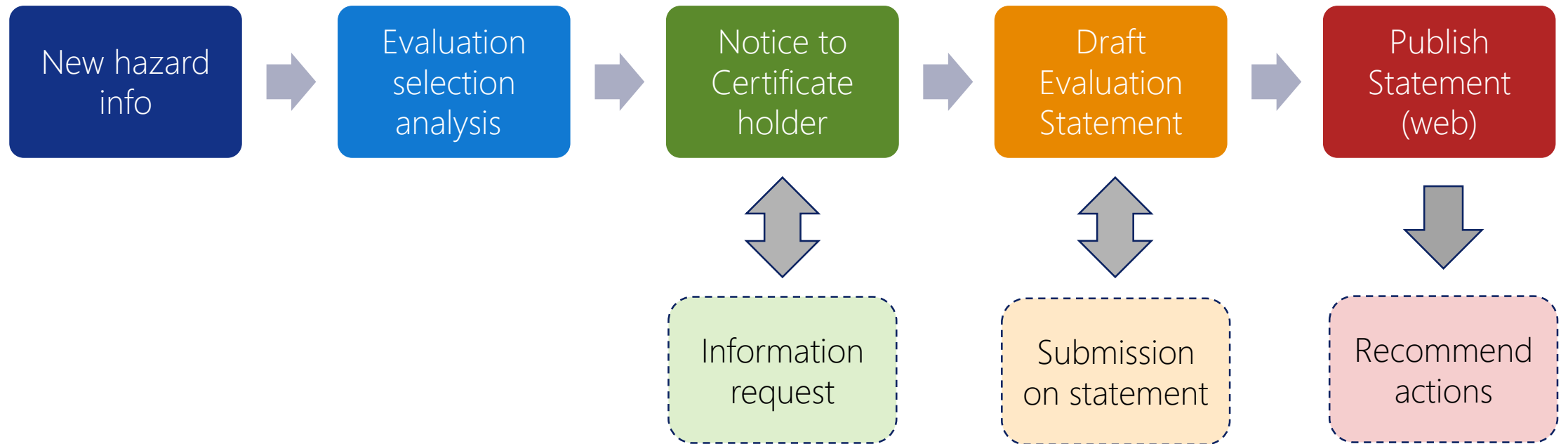
necessary to manage risks

Risks cannot be managed



# Example

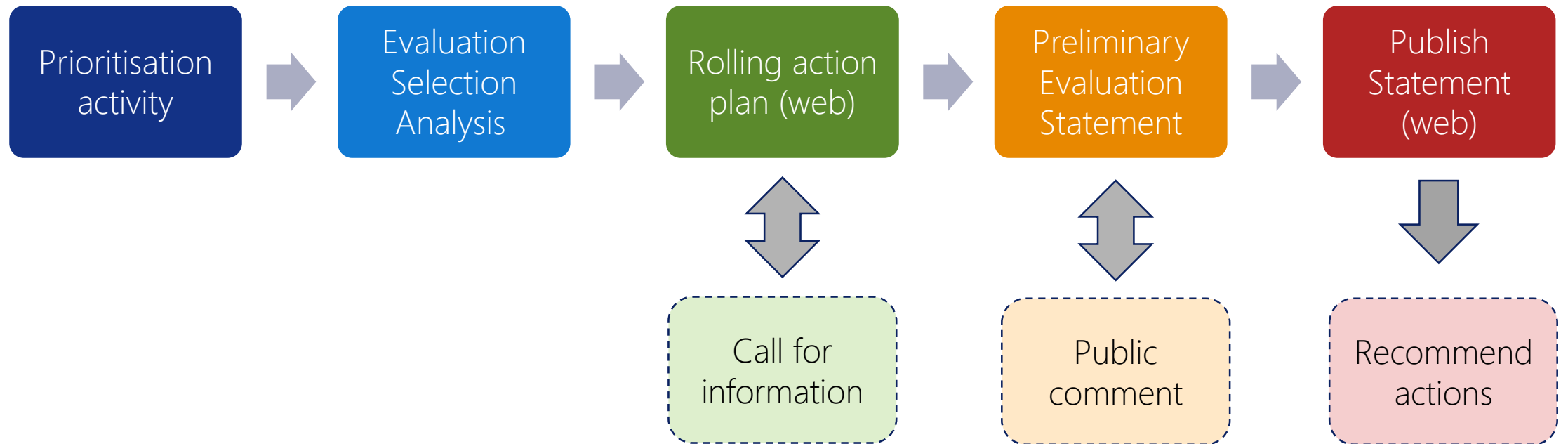
## Chemical under certificate





# Example

## Chemical listed on the Inventory





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# Evaluations Roadmap

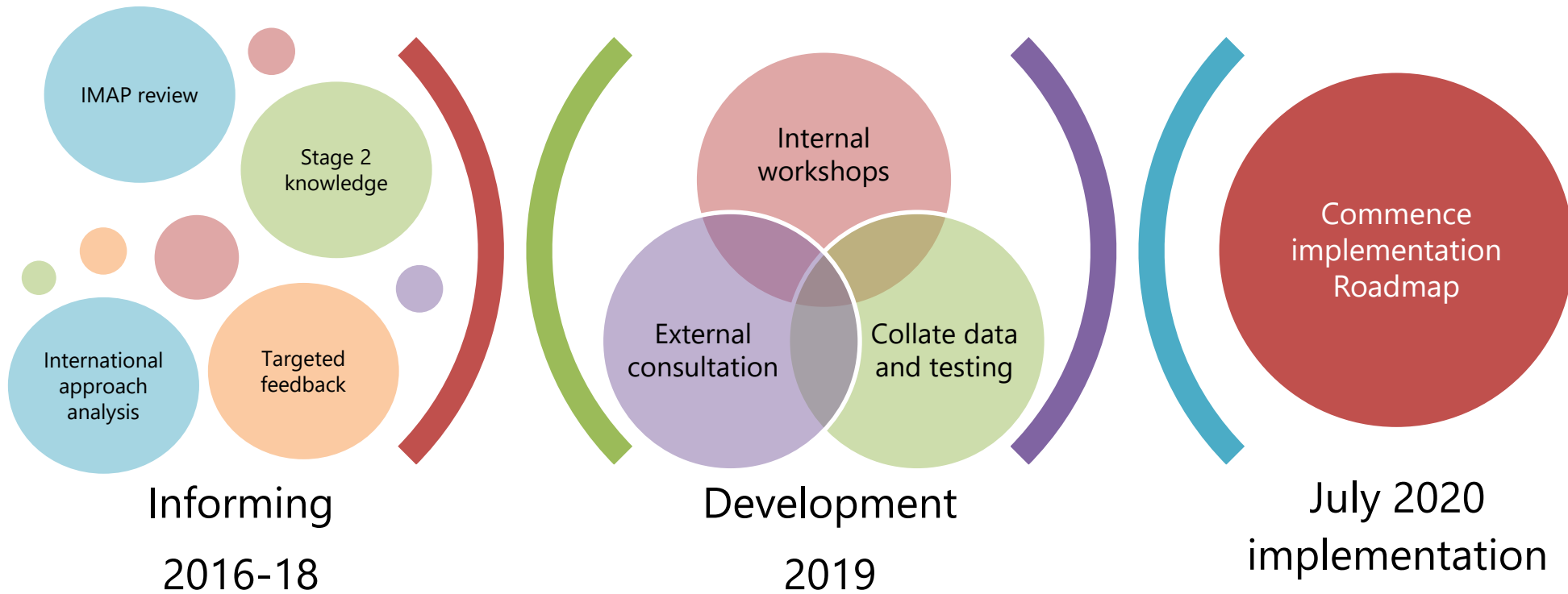
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# How we developed the Roadmap





## Key Roadmap features

- covers 4 years from 1 July 2020
  - regular review
- allows evidence-based outcomes and increased regulatory certainty
- provides transparent decision making
- aligns with international best practice
- agile enough to respond to new information and emerging concerns
- supports Rolling Action Plan
  - strategic identification of chemicals that require evaluation regardless of the introduction pathway
- builds on work started through IMAP



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## Roadmap action areas

1. Proportionate risk-based approach to evaluations
2. Evaluation prioritisation
3. Knowledge and evidence based decision making
4. Capacity building
5. Leadership and engagement
6. Informing choice about the use of chemicals



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## Roadmap outcomes

- Strengthens national capacity for industrial chemical risk reduction
- Risk-proportionate and transparent targeting of evaluations
- Targeted and evidence-based evaluations through effective use of data
- Supports best practice through education and training
- Uses global chemical intelligence for innovation through establishment of partnerships and engagement
- Allows people to make better choices about the use of chemicals through efficient dissemination of risk information



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**Thank you!**