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### **Progress Report on IFC EHS Guidelines Update**

#### **IFC Timetable for Public Comment**

As part of the new IFC Policy and Performance Standards on Social and Environmental Sustainability, IFC is updating the environmental, health, and safety (EHS) guidelines ('the EHS Guidelines').

The updated EHS Guidelines will serve as a technical reference source to support the implementation of the IFC Performance Standards, particularly in those aspects related to Performance Standard 3: Pollution Prevention & Abatement, as well as certain aspects of occupational and community health and safety.

Information on the EHS Guidelines Update can be found at:

[www.ifc.org/ehsguidelinesupdate](http://www.ifc.org/ehsguidelinesupdate)

The EHS Guidelines Update will result in a new organizational structure consisting of:

- A General EHS Guideline providing information on EHS issues that are common and applicable to a broad spectrum of industry sectors; and
- 62 individual industry sector guidelines.

#### **Public Comment**

On **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, IFC will post the General EHS Guideline and approximately the first 20 of the 62 industry sector guidelines for a public comment period of 60 days. This first set of industry sector guideline drafts will be primarily from the manufacturing, agribusiness, and food production sectors.

As subsequent industry sector guidelines are completed, they will each be posted for 60 days of public comment. The schedule for the further public release of industry sector guidelines will be available on [www.ifc.org/ehsguidelinesupdate](http://www.ifc.org/ehsguidelinesupdate)

**All interested stakeholders will be able to register and provide comment at**

[www.ifc.org/ehsguidelinesupdate](http://www.ifc.org/ehsguidelinesupdate)