

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPPT-2002-0048; FRL-7192-7]

**Notification of Chemical Exports - TSCA Section 12(b); Request for Comment on Renewal of Information Collection Activities****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), EPA is seeking public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): Notification of Chemical Exports - TSCA Section 12(b) (EPA ICR No. 0795.11, OMB Control No. 2070-0030). This ICR involves a collection activity that is currently approved and scheduled to expire on January 31, 2003. The information collected under this ICR relates to reporting requirements found at 40 CFR part 707, subpart D, with respect to companies exporting certain chemicals from the United States to foreign countries. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

**DATES:** Written comments, identified by the docket ID number OPPT-2002-0048, must be received on or before October 18, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPPT-2002-0048 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information contact:* Barbara Cunningham, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

*For technical information contact:* Keith Cronin, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-8102; fax number: (202) 564-4775; e-mail address: cronin.keith@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a company that exports or engages in wholesale sales of chemical substances or mixtures. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Type of business	NAICS codes
Chemical manufacturing	325
Petroleum refineries	32411

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes are provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

**II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?***A. Electronically*

You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

*B. Fax-on-Demand*

Using a faxphone call (202) 564-3119 and select item 4098 for a copy of the ICR.

*C. In Person*

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPPT-2002-0048. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the

documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Center is (202) 260-7099.

**III. How Can I Respond to this Action?***A. How and to Whom Do I Submit the Comments?*

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPPT-2002-0048 on the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in EPA East Building Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: [oppt.ncic@epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epa.gov), or mail your computer disk to the address identified in Units III.A.1. and 2. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket ID number OPPT-2002-0048. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

*B. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?*

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that

you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI.

Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### *C. What Should I Consider when I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

#### *D. What Information is EPA Particularly Interested in?*

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### **IV. What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does this Action Apply to?**

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

*Title:* Notification of Chemical Exports - TSCA Section 12(b).

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 0795.11, OMB Control No. 2070-0030.

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on January 31, 2003. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information that is subject to approval under PRA, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's information collections appear on the collection instruments or instructions, in the **Federal Register** notices for related rulemakings and ICR notices, and, if the collection is contained in a regulation, in a table of OMB approval numbers in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* Section 12(b)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires that any person who exports or intends to export to a foreign country a chemical substance or mixture that is regulated under TSCA sections 4, 5, 6, and/or 7 submit to EPA notification of such export or intent to export. Upon receipt of notification, EPA will advise the government of the importing country of the United States regulatory action with respect to that substance. EPA uses the information obtained from the submitter via this collection to advise the government of the importing country.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 707). Respondents may claim all or part of a document confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

#### **V. What are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?**

Under the PRA, "burden" means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal Agency. For this collection it includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology

and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.993 hours per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

*Respondents/affected entities:* Respondents or affected entities are expected to include companies that export from the United States to foreign countries, or that engage in wholesale sales of, chemical substances or mixtures.

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 500.

*Frequency of response:* Annually.

*Estimated average number of responses for each respondent:* 15.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 7,450.

*Estimated total annual burden costs:* \$452,055.

#### **VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?**

There is a decrease of 2,950 hours (from 10,400 hours to 7,450 hours) in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB. This change reflects EPA's experience over the past 3 years, in which there has been an increase in the number of reporting firms but a decrease in the number of notices per firm than anticipated at the time of the last approval of this information collection. The net result is a decrease in burden hours (adjustment).

#### **VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?**

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any

questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: August 8, 2002.

**Susan B. Hazen,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2002-0050; FRL-7195-6]

### Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from July 8, 2002 to July 22, 2002, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period. The "S" and "G" that precede the chemical names denote whether the chemical identity is specific or generic.

**DATES:** Comments identified by the docket ID number OPPT-2002-0050 and the specific PMN number, must be received on or before September 18, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the

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OPPT-2002-0050 and the specific PMN number in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Cunningham, Director, Office of Program Management and Evaluation, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7401), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitter of the premanufacture notices addressed in the action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

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2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPPT-2002-0050. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as confidential business information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, any test data submitted by the Manufacturer/Importer is available for inspection in

the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the Center is (202) 260-7099.

###### C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

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