§ 710.4 Scope of the inventory.

(a) Chemical substances subject to these regulations. Only chemical substances which are manufactured, imported, or processed “for a commercial purpose,” as defined in §710.3(d), are subject to these regulations.

(b) Naturally occurring chemical substances automatically included. Any chemical substance which is naturally occurring and:

(1) Which is (i) unprocessed or (ii) processed solely in small quantities for research and development, as defined in this section.

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(2) As part of a mixture or article containing the chemical substance or mixture.

Process “for commercial purposes” means to process:

(1) For distribution in commerce, including for test marketing purposes, or

(2) For use as an intermediate.

Processor means any person who processes a chemical substance or mixture.

Site means a contiguous property unit. Property divided only by a public right-of-way will be considered one site. There may be more than one manufacturing plant on a single site. For the purposes of imported chemical substances, the site will be the business address of the importer.

Small quantities for purposes of scientific experimentation or analysis or chemical research on, or analysis of, such substance or another substance, including any such research or analysis for the development of a product (hereinafter sometimes shortened to small quantities for research and development) means quantities of a chemical substance manufactured, imported, or processed or proposed to be manufactured, imported, or processed that:

(1) Are no greater than reasonably necessary for such purposes, and

(2) After the publication of the revised inventory, are used by, or directly under the supervision of, a technically qualified individual(s).

NOTE: Any chemical substances manufactured, imported, or processed in quantities less than 1,000 lbs. (454 kg) annually will be presumed to be manufactured, imported, or processed for research and development purposes. No person may report for the inventory any chemical substance in such quantities unless that person can certify that the substance was not manufactured, imported, or processed solely in small quantities for research and development, as defined in this section.

State means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Canal Zone, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other territory or possession of the United States.

Technically qualified individual means a person:

(1) Who because of his/her education, training, or experience, or a combination of these factors, is capable of appreciating the health and environmental risks associated with the chemical substance which is used under his/her supervision,

(2) Who is responsible for enforcing appropriate methods of conducting scientific experimentation, analysis, or chemical research in order to minimize such risks, and

(3) Who is responsible for the safety assessments and clearances related to the procurement, storage, use, and disposal of the chemical substance as may be appropriate or required within the scope of conducting the research and development activity. The responsibilities in this paragraph may be delegated to another individual, or other individuals, as long as each meets the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition.

Test marketing means the distribution in commerce of no more than a predetermined amount of a chemical substance, mixture, or article containing that chemical substance or mixture, by a manufacturer or processor to no more than a defined number of potential customers to explore market capability in a competitive situation during a predetermined testing period prior to the broader distribution of that chemical substance, mixture, or article in commerce.

United States, when used in the geographic sense, means all of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

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(2) Which is extracted from air by any means, will automatically be included in the inventory under the category “Naturally Occurring Chemical Substances.” Examples of such substances are: raw agricultural commodities; water, air, natural gas, and crude oil; and rocks, ores, and minerals.

(c) Substances excluded by definition or section 8(b) of TSCA. The following substances are excluded from the inventory:
(1) Any substance which is not considered a “chemical substance” as provided in subsection 3(2)(B) of the Act and in the definition of “chemical substance” in § 710.3(d);
(2) Any mixture as defined in § 710.3(d);

NOTE: A chemical substance that is manufactured as part of a mixture is subject to these reporting regulations. This exclusion applies only to the mixture and not to the chemical substances of which the mixture is comprised. The term “mixture” includes alloys, inorganic glasses, ceramics, frits, and cements, including Portland cement.

(3) Any chemical substance which is manufactured, imported, or processed solely in small quantities for research and development, as defined in § 710.3(d); and

(4) Any chemical substance not manufactured, processed or imported for a commercial purpose since January 1, 1975.

(d) Chemical substances excluded from the inventory. The following chemical substances are excluded from the inventory. Although they are considered to be manufactured or processed for a commercial purpose for the purpose of section 8 of the Act, they are not manufactured or processed for distribution in commerce as chemical substances per se and have no commercial purpose separate from the substance, mixture, or article of which they may be a part.

NOTE: In addition, chemical substances excluded here will not be subject to premanufacture notification under section 5 of the Act.

(1) Any impurity.

(2) Any byproduct which has no commercial purpose.

NOTE: A byproduct which has commercial value only to municipal or private organizations who (i) burn it as a fuel, (ii) dispose of it as a waste, including in a landfill or for enriching soil, or (iii) extract component chemical substances which have commercial value, may be reported for the inventory, but will not be subject to premanufacture notification under section 5 of the Act if not included.

(3) Any chemical substance which results from a chemical reaction that occurs incidental to exposure of another chemical substance, mixture, or article to environmental factors such as air, moisture, microbial organisms, or sunlight.

(4) Any chemical substance which results from a chemical reaction that occurs incidental to storage of another chemical substance, mixture, or article.

(5) Any chemical substance which results from a chemical reaction that occurs upon end use of other chemical substances, mixtures, or articles such as adhesives, paints, miscellaneous cleaners or other housekeeping products, fuels and fuel additives, water softening and treatment agents, photographic films, batteries, matches, and safety flares, and which is not itself manufactured for distribution in commerce or for use as an intermediate.

(6) Any chemical substance which results from a chemical reaction that occurs upon use of curable plastic or rubber molding compounds, inks, drying oils, metal finishing compounds, adhesives, or paints; or other chemical substances formed during manufacture of an article destined for the marketplace without further chemical change of the chemical substance except for those chemical changes that may occur as described elsewhere in this § 710.4(d).

(7) Any chemical substance which results from a chemical reaction that occurs when (i) a stabilizer, colorant, odorant, antioxidant, filler, solvent, carrier, surfactant, plasticizer, corrosion inhibitor, antifoamer or de-foamer, dispersant, precipitation inhibitor, binder, emulsifier, de-emulsifier, dewatering agent, agglomerating agent, adhesion promoter, flow modifier, pH neutralizer, sequesterant, coagulant, flocculant, fire retardant, lubricant, chelating agent, or quality control reagent functions as intended or (ii) a chemical substance, solely intended to impart a specific physico-chemical characteristic, functions as intended.

(8) Chemical substances which are not intentionally removed from the
§ 711.3 Definitions.

(a) This part specifies reporting and recordkeeping procedures under section 8(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 U.S.C. 2607(a)) for certain manufacturers (including importers) of chemical substances. Section 8(a) of TSCA authorizes the EPA Administrator to require reporting of information necessary for administration of TSCA, including issuing regulations for the purpose of compiling and keeping current the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory (TSCA Inventory) as required by TSCA section 8(b). In accordance with TSCA section 8(b), EPA amends the TSCA Inventory to include new chemical substances manufactured (including imported) in the United States and reported under TSCA section 5(a)(1). EPA also revises the categories of chemical substances and makes other amendments as appropriate.

(b) This part applies to the activities associated with the periodic update of information on a subset of the chemical substances included on the TSCA Inventory.

(c) Section 15(3) of TSCA makes it unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to submit information required under this part. In addition, TSCA section 15(3) makes it unlawful for any person to fail to keep, and permit access to, records required by this part. Section 16 of TSCA provides that any person who violates a provision of TSCA section 15 is liable to the United States for a civil penalty and may be criminally prosecuted. Pursuant to TSCA section 17, the Federal Government may seek judicial relief to compel submission of TSCA section 8(a) information and to otherwise restrain any violation of TSCA section 15. (EPA does not intend to concentrate its enforcement efforts on insignificant clerical errors in reporting.)

(d) Each person who reports under this part must maintain records that document information reported under this part and, in accordance with TSCA, permit access to, and the copying of, such records by EPA officials.