

40 CFR Parts 700 and 723

[OPPTS-50596C; FRL-4939-2]

RIN 2070-AC14

Premanufacture Notification and Exemptions; Notification of Technical Workshops**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of technical workshops.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold technical workshops on the proposed revisions of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) section 5 premanufacture notification (PMN) regulations and exemptions for chemicals in quantities of 1,000 kilograms or less and for polymers, which were published in the **Federal Register** of February 8, 1993. EPA is conducting the workshops at the request of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association and the Chemical Manufacturers Association to provide an opportunity for interested persons to become familiar with the technical provisions of the regulations which will affect the manufacture of new chemical substances. The workshops will address the eligibility criteria and other technical aspects of the proposed polymer exemption and low volume exemption rules, the "two percent" rule for polymers, and procedures for developing and submitting Chemical Abstracts names for new chemical substances.

DATES: The technical workshops will be held on March 14 and 21, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: The March 14, 1995 meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Education Center, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. The March 21, 1995 meeting will be held at the General Services Administration, Regional Office Building Auditorium, Rm. 1041, First floor, National Capital Region, 7th and D Sts., SW., Washington, DC 20407.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James B. Willis, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-543B, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551, Fax: (202) 554-5603. Persons wishing to attend the workshops should contact the office listed above and provide their name, organization, preferred meeting date, and a daytime telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of February 8, 1993,

EPA published its proposed amendments to the PMN regulations, exemptions for chemicals in quantities of 1,000 kilograms or less (58 FR 7646), exemption for polymers (58 FR 7679), and an amendment to the expedited process for issuing SNURs (58 FR 7676). A public hearing on the proposed regulations was held on April 26 and 27, 1993, in Washington, DC. EPA expects to promulgate final regulations in the near future. The regulations would become effective 60 days following publication in the **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in Parts 700 and 723

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous materials, Premanufacture notification, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Significant new use.

Dated: February 16, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****46 CFR Parts 10 and 12**

[CGD 94-029]

RIN 2115-AE94

Modernization of Examination Methods**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to amend the rules that require Coast Guard-administered written examinations for merchant marine license and unlicensed rating applicants to remove references to "written" examinations and to broaden the scope of those authorized to perform the testing of applicants. These changes reflect the Coast Guard's efforts to develop alternative media testing and the use of private and public sector testing services for examination of these applicants. The development of more effective and modernized testing of applicants for merchant marine licenses and unlicensed ratings will enhance the safety of the maritime environment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA/3406) (CGD 94-029), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100

Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert S. Spears, Jr., Project Manager, Office of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection (G-MVP-3), (202) 267-0224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD 94-029) and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Marine Safety Council at the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Drafting Information

The principal persons involved in drafting this document are Mr. Robert S. Spears, Jr., Project Manager, Office of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, and Ms. Helen Boutrous, Project Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Background and Purpose

Currently, Coast Guard regulations require that applicants for merchant