

formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions on this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Commissioner's Advisory Group: Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting of Commissioner's Advisory Group.

**SUMMARY:** Public meeting of the Commissioner's Advisory Group will be held in Washington, D.C. This meeting is being scheduled due to the cancellation of the previously announced November 16, 1995, CAG meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held January 30, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Washburn, C:I, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 7046 IR, Washington, D.C. 20224. Telephone No. (202) 622-5026 (not a toll-free number).

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Commissioner's Advisory Group previously scheduled for November 16, 1995, beginning at 10:00 am in Room 3313, main Internal Revenue Service building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20224, was cancelled due to the Federal government shutdown.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), that a public meeting of the Commissioner's Advisory Group will be held on January 30, 1996, beginning at 10:00 am in Room 3313, main Internal

Revenue Service building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20224.

The agenda will include the following topics:

Filing Season Readiness

Improving Services to Customers  
Small Business Issues and Initiatives  
Compliance Issues  
Corporate Education Issues

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda or order of topic discussion are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

The meeting will be in a room that accommodates approximately 50 people, including members of the Commissioner's Advisory Group and IRS officials. Due to the limited conference space, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Lorenza Wilds, no later than January 23, 1996. Ms. Wilds can be reached on (202) 622-5026 (not toll-free).

If you would like to have the Committee consider a written statement, please call or write: Patricia Washburn, Office of Public Liaison, C:I, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 7046 IR, Washington, D.C. 20224.

Margaret Milner Richardson,  
*Commissioner of Internal Revenue.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Tax on Certain Imported Substances (Butyl Benzyl Phthalate); Filing of Petition

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the acceptance, under Notice 89-61, of a petition requesting that butyl benzyl phthalate be added to the list of taxable substances in section 4672(a)(3). Publication of this notice is in compliance with Notice 89-61. This is not a determination that the list of taxable substances should be modified. **DATES:** Submissions must be received by February 12, 1996. Any modification of the list of taxable substances based upon this petition would be effective April 1, 1991.

**ADDRESSES:** Send submissions to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (Petition), room 5228, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC

20044. In the alternative, submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:T:R (Petition), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Hoffman, Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries), (202) 622-3130 (not a toll-free number).

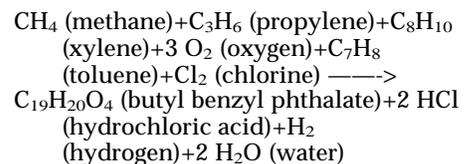
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The petition was received on June 25, 1990. The petitioner is Monsanto Company, a manufacturer and exporter of this substance. The following is a summary of the information contained in the petition. The complete petition is available in the Internal Revenue Service Freedom of Information Reading Room.

*HTS number:* 2917.39.2000

*CAS number:* 85-68-7

Butyl benzyl phthalate is derived from the taxable chemicals methane, propylene, xylene, toluene, and chlorine and is a liquid produced predominantly by the reaction of n-butanol and phthalic anhydride, followed by a reaction with benzyl chloride in the presence of a catalyst. n-butanol is manufactured by the hydrogenation of n-butyraldehyde, which is derived from propylene and synthesis gas (hydrogen and synthesis gas are derived from natural gas). Benzyl chloride is produced by direct photochemical chlorination of toluene. Phthalic anhydride is produced by the reaction of o-xylene with air in the presence of a catalyst.

The stoichiometric material consumption formula for this substance is:



According to the petition, taxable chemicals constitute 77.25 percent by weight of the materials used to produce this substance. The rate of tax for this substance would be \$5.54 per ton. This is based upon a conversion factor for methane of 0.05, a conversion factor for propylene of 0.17, a conversion factor for xylene of 0.47, a conversion factor for toluene of 0.32, and a conversion factor for chlorine of 0.26.

Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing

Before a determination is made, consideration will be given to any written comments (a signed original and