

Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, on Thursday and Friday, January 9 and 10, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in Title 29 U.S. Code, section 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the November 1996 Joint Board examination in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. In addition, the possibility of an open book examination for the AE2 (P365) examination, the effectiveness of administering the EA1-B (P360) examination, the use of upgraded calculators, and length of the questions in the examinations will be discussed.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on future Joint Board examinations and review of the November 1996 Joint Board examination fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5, U.S. Code, section 552(c)(9)(B), and that public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of EA2 (P365) open book, EA1-B (P360) effectiveness, calculators, and length of questions will commence at 1:30 p.m., on January 9 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3:00 p.m. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public as space is available. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements are requested to notify the Committee Management Officer in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available, and should submit the written text, or, at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to ten minutes in length. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and Committee by sending it to the Committee Management Officer. Persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Committee Management Officer in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications should be faxed to (202) 376-1420 no later than December 30, 1996, Attention: Robert I.

Brauer, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (c:AP:P), 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

Dated December 3, 1996.

Robert I. Brauer,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.*

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Tax on Certain Imported Substances (Epoxy); 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 diglycidyl ether of bisphenol-A 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 4, 1997. Any modification of the list of taxable substances based upon this petition would be effective April 1, 1992.

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: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 July 1, 1991. The petitioner is Dow Chemical 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: 3907.3.

CAS number: 025085-99-8.

Diglycidyl ether of bisphenol-A (DGEBA) is derived from the taxable chemicals benzene, propylene, chlorine, and sodium hydroxide and produced predominantly from epichlorohydrin and bisphenol-A via a two-step reaction.

The stoichiometric material consumption formula for this substance is:

$$2 \text{ C}_6\text{H}_6 \text{ (benzene)} + 4 \text{ C}_3\text{H}_6 \text{ (propylene)} + 4 \text{ Cl}_2 \text{ (chlorine)} + 6 \text{ NaOH (sodium hydroxide)} + 2 \text{ O}_2 \text{ (oxygen)} \text{ -----}> (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O})_2 \text{ (DGEBA)} + \text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3 \text{ (acetone)} + 2 \text{ HCl (hydrogen chloride)} + 6 \text{ NaCl (sodium chloride)} + 5 \text{ H}_2\text{O (water)}$$

According to the petition, taxable chemicals constitute 92.95 percent by weight of the materials used to produce this substance. The rate of tax for this substance would be \$7.08 per ton. This is based upon a conversion factor for benzene of 0.459, a conversion factor for propylene of 0.494, a conversion factor for chlorine of 0.833, and a conversion factor for sodium hydroxide of 0.705.

Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing

Before a determination is made, consideration will be given to any written comments (a signed original and eight (8) copies) that are submitted timely to the IRS. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying. A public hearing may be scheduled if requested in writing by a person that timely submits written comments. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the date, time, and place for the hearing will be published in the Federal Register.

Dale D. Goode,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate).

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Office of Thrift Supervision; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 2, 1996.

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the OTS Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the OTS Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20552.

OMB Number: 1550-0011.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Type of Review: Revision of an approved collection.

Title: General Reporting and Recordkeeping by Savings Associations.