

U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Comptroller General of the General Accounting Office; however, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 808(2), this rule is effective on May 1, 1998. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

This final rule only amends the effective date of the underlying rule; it does not amend any substantive requirements contained in the rule. Accordingly, to the extent it is available, judicial review is limited to the amended effective date.

Dated: April 22, 1998.

**Carol Browner,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 721

[FRL-5982-9]

#### Technical Amendments to Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances Correction; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA)

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction of effective date under CRA.

**SUMMARY:** On May 21, 1997 (62 FR 27694), the Environmental Protection Agency published in the **Federal Register** a final rule concerning the correction of two cross-references in a significant new use rule issued pursuant to section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. 604, on December 2, 1996 (61 FR 63726, codified at 40 CFR 721.4484). The correction rule established an effective date of January 31, 1997. This document corrects the effective date of the correction rule to May 1, 1998, to be consistent with sections 801 and 808 of the Congressional Review Act (CRA), enacted as part of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 and 808.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This rule is effective on May 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela Hofmann, Office of Pesticides Prevention and Toxic Substance, at (202) 260-2922.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 801 of the CRA precludes a rule from taking effect until the agency

promulgating the rule submits a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of Congress and to the Comptroller General of the General Accounting Office (GAO). EPA recently discovered that it had inadvertently failed to submit the above rule as required; thus, although the rule was promulgated on the date stated in the May 21, 1997, **Federal Register** document, by operation of law, the rule did not take effect on January 31, 1997, as stated therein. Now that EPA has discovered its error, the rule has been submitted to both Houses of Congress and the GAO. This document amends the effective date of the rule consistent with the provisions of the CRA.

Because the delay in the effective date was caused by EPA's inadvertent failure to submit the rule under the CRA, EPA does not believe that affected entities that acted in good faith relying upon the effective date stated in the May 21, 1997, **Federal Register** should be penalized if they were complying with the rule as promulgated.

##### II. Administrative Requirements

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this action is not a "significant regulatory action" and is therefore not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, this action does not impose any enforceable duty or contain any unfunded mandate as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4), or require prior consultation with State officials as specified by Executive Order 12875 (58 FR 58093, October 28, 1993), or involve special consideration of environmental justice related issues as required by Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 76229, February 16, 1994). Because this action is not subject to notice-and-comment requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute, it is not subject to the regulatory flexibility provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Comptroller General of the General Accounting Office; however, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 808(2), this rule is effective on May 1, 1998. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

This final rule only amends the effective date of the underlying rule; it does not amend any substantive requirements contained in the rule. Accordingly, to the extent it is available,

judicial review is limited to the amended effective date.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Parts 43, 63, and 64

[IB Docket Nos. 97-142 and 95-22, FCC 97-398]

#### Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; petitions for reconsideration; corrections.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission published in the **Federal Register** of December 9, 1997, a summary of a Report and Order that it adopted on November 25, 1997, that created a new regulatory framework for international telecommunications. The Commission inadvertently omitted one sentence from a revised section of the rules. This document corrects that omission. This document also amends the December 9 publication to make clear that the Commission's order disposed of petitions for reconsideration in a related docket.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 9, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas A. Klein or Susan O'Connell, International Bureau, (202) 418-1460.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- In FR Doc. No. 97-32013, published in the **Federal Register** of December 9, 1997 (62 FR 64741), the Commission inadvertently omitted a sentence from the revised § 63.18(e)(4)(ii)(A). This correction adds the necessary sentence. The Commission included this correction in an Errata released on January 12, 1998.
- The Commission also now wishes to clarify that FR Doc. No. 97-32013 was also an action disposing of petitions for reconsideration filed in IB Docket No. 95-22, Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-Affiliated Entities.

#### Corrections

In FR Doc. 97-32013, published on December 9, 1997 (62 FR 64741), make the following corrections.

- On page 64741, in column 2, line 4 of the document is corrected to read "IB Docket Nos. 97-142 and 95-22, FCC 97-398."