ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory Update; Changing Certain Chemical Substances Identities from Confidential to Non-Confidential

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is updating the Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) Chemical Substance Inventory (TSCA Inventory) Master File to list 530 chemical substances as non-confidential on the TSCA Inventory that were previously listed as confidential. This action is necessary because these chemical substances no longer qualify for listing as confidential on the TSCA Inventory.

DATES: This update is effective July 22, 2009.

These chemical substances will be listed on public versions of the TSCA Inventory on or after August 3, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture (defined by statute at 15 U.S.C. 2602(7) to include import) chemical substances, including inorganic chemical substances, subject to reporting under TSCA. Potentially affected entities identified by their North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes may include, but are not limited to:

• Chemical manufacturers and importers, including chemical manufacturers and importers of inorganic chemical substances (NAICS codes 325 and 32411). You may also be potentially affected by this action if you are a user of information generated under TSCA.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected or interested in this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. Docket. EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ– OPPT–2008–0848. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available at http://www.regulations.gov. Although listed in the Index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566–0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

2. Electronic access. You may access this Federal Register document electronically through the EPA Internet under the “Federal Register” listings at http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr. Information about the TSCA Inventory is available at http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/newchems/pubs/inventory.htm.

II. Background

The TSCA Inventory is a listing of all chemical substances manufactured, imported, or processed for a commercial purpose, which EPA was directed to establish and maintain pursuant to TSCA section 8. Since the initial TSCA Inventory was published, persons intending to manufacture or import a non-exempt chemical substance that is not on the TSCA Inventory have been required to submit premanufacture notices (PMNs) to the Agency under TSCA section 5; see 40 CFR part 720. For more information about the TSCA Inventory and related requirements, go to the TSCA Inventory webpage identified in Unit I.B.2.

The TSCA Inventory implementing regulations in 40 CFR part 710 provide that the manufacturer or importer may claim that the identity of a chemical substance in commerce is CBI. Confidential chemical identities are not listed on public versions of the TSCA Inventory. Chemical identities that are not confidential (i.e., where it is public knowledge that the chemical substance is in commerce) are listed on public versions of the TSCA Inventory.

III. Updating of the Public and Confidential TSCA Inventory Data

When reporting under the TSCA Inventory Update Rule (IUR at 40 CFR part 710), some manufacturers of these 530 chemical substances did not include any claim of confidentiality for the chemical identity of the chemical substance with the IUR submission. These chemical identities were previously listed as confidential on the TSCA Inventory. IUR regulations at 40 CFR 710.38(d) provide that where no claim of confidentiality accompanies IUR information at the time it is submitted to EPA, the Agency may make the information available to the public without further notice to the submitter. By submitting non-CBI IUR reports for previously confidential chemical identities, manufacturers make those chemical identities eligible for inclusion on public versions of the TSCA Inventory.

With this action, EPA is updating the TSCA Inventory Master File to reflect the public status of the identities of these chemical substances. The complete list of these chemical substances is provided in the docket at http://www.regulations.gov. The updated public version of the TSCA Inventory will be available on or after August 3, 2009. For information on how to access the public (also referred to as the non-confidential) version of the TSCA Inventory, go to http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/newchems/pubs/inventory.htm.
List of Subjects
Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous materials, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, TSCA Inventory.


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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority, Comments Requested


SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments September 28, 2009. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), via fax at 202–395–5167, or via the Internet at Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov and to Judith.B.Herman@fcc.gov, Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To submit your comments by e-mail send them to: PRA@fcc.gov.

To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, (2) look for the section of the Web page called “Currently Under Review”, (3) click the downward-pointing arrow in the “Select Agency” box below the “Currently Under Review” heading, (4) select “Federal Communications Commission” from the list of agencies presented in the “Select Agency” box, (5) click the “Submit” button to the right of the “Select Agency” box and (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the title of this ICR (or its OMB Control Number, if there is one) and then click on the ICR Reference Number to view detailed information about this ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, send an e-mail to Judith B. Herman at 202–418–0214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB Control Number: 3060–0723.
Title: 47 U.S.C. Section 276, Public Disclosure of Network Information by Bell Operating Companies (BOCs).
Form No.: N/A.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit.
Number of Respondents: 3 respondents; 3 responses.
Estimated Time per Response: 120 hours.
Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.
Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.
Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: If the Commission requests respondents to submit information to the Commission or to USAC that the respondents believe is confidential, the respondents may request confidential treatment of such information pursuant to 47 CFR section 0.459 of the Commission’s rules.
Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60 day comment period in order to obtain the full three year clearance from them. The Commission is requesting an extension (no change in the reporting and/or third party disclosure requirements) of this information collection. The Commission is reporting no change in their burden estimates.

Under 47 U.S.C. section 276(b)(1)(C), the Bell Operating Companies (BOCs) are required to publicly disclose changes in their networks or new network services.

The Computer III network information disclosure requirements specifically state that the disclosure would occur at two different points in time. First, disclosure would occur at the make/buy point: when a BOC decides to make for itself, or procure from an unaffiliated entity, any product whose design affects or relies on the network interface. Second, a BOC would publicly disclose technical information about a new service 12 months before it is introduced. If the BOC could introduce the service within 12 months of the make/buy point, it would make a public disclosure at the make/buy point. In no event, however, would the public disclosure occur less than six months before the introduction of the service.

Without provision of this information, the industry would be unable to ascertain whether the BOCs designing new network services or changing network technical specifications are to the advantage of their own payphones, or might disadvantage BOC payphone competitors. The of the requirements are used to ensure that BOCs comply with their obligations under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0711.
Title: Sections 1.5000 through 1.5007, Implementation of Section 34(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
Form No.: N/A.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit.
Number of Respondents: 1 respondent; 1 response.
Estimated Time per Response: 10 hours.
Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.
Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is required by section 34(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA 1935), as amended by section 103 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104–104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) and authorized by sections 4(i), 4(j) and 303(r) of the