evaluation of DIDP. On December 20, 2019, the Agency granted the request, and subsequently initiated the scoping process for a risk evaluation for this category of chemical substances. The purpose of a risk evaluation is to determine whether a chemical substance, or group of chemical substances, presents an unreasonable risk to health or the environment, under the conditions of use, including an unreasonable risk to a relevant potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)(4)(A)). As part of this process, EPA must evaluate both hazards and exposures for the conditions of use; describe whether aggregate or sentinel exposures were considered and the basis for consideration; not consider costs or other nonrisk factors; take into account where relevant, likely duration, intensity, frequency, and number of exposures and describe the weight of the scientific evidence for hazards and exposures (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)(4)(F)). This process will culminate in a determination of whether or not the category of chemical substances presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment under the conditions of use (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)(4)(A); 40 CFR 702.47).

III. Draft Scope of the Risk Evaluation for Di-isodecyl phthalate (DIDP)

The category of chemical substances for which EPA is publishing the draft scope of the risk evaluation includes the following chemical substances: 1,2-benzene dicarboxylic acid, 1,2-diisodecyl ester (CASRN 26761–40–0) and 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C9-11-branched alkyl esters, C10-rich; (CASRN 68515–49–1). The draft scope of the risk evaluation for this category of chemical substances includes the conditions of use, hazards, exposures, and the potentially exposed or susceptible populations EPA plans to consider in the risk evaluation (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)(4)(D)).

Development of the scope is the first step of a risk evaluation. The draft scope of the risk evaluation will include the following components (40 CFR 702.41(c)):  
• The conditions of use, as determined by the Administrator, that EPA plans to consider in the risk evaluation.
• The potentially exposed populations that EPA plans to evaluate; the ecological receptors that EPA plans to evaluate; and the hazards to health and the environment that EPA plans to evaluate.
• A description of the reasonably available information and the science approaches that the Agency plans to use.
• A conceptual model that will describe the actual or predicted relationships between the chemical substance, the conditions of use within the scope of the evaluation and the receptors, either human or environmental, with consideration of the life cycle of the chemical substance—from manufacturing, processing, distribution in commerce, use, to release or disposal—and identification of human and ecological health hazards EPA plans to evaluate for the exposure scenarios EPA plans to evaluate.
• An analysis plan, which will identify the approaches and methods EPA plans to use to assess exposure, hazards, and risk, including associated uncertainty and variability, as well as a strategy for using reasonably available information and best available science approaches.
• A plan for peer review.

EPA encourages commenters to provide information they believe might be missing or may further inform the risk evaluation. EPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the final scope within three months of publishing the draft scope.

IV. References

The following is a listing of the documents that are specifically referenced in this Federal Register notice. The docket for this action includes these documents and other information considered by EPA, including documents that are referenced within the documents that are included in the docket. For assistance in locating these referenced documents, please consult the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

1. EPA. Di-isodecyl Phthalate (DIDP) (1,2-Benzene-dicarboxylic acid, 1,2-diisodecyl ester); Manufacturer Request for Risk Evaluation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability and Request for Comments. Federal Register. (84 FR 42914, August 30, 2019) (FRL–9998–26). [Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.] 

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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10292 and CMS–R–65]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS’ intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. Electronically. You may send your comments electronically to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” or “More Search Options” to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number ________, Room C4–26–
Information Collection
requirement, CMS is publishing this approval. To comply with this submitting the collection to OMB for information, including each proposed Federal Register requires federal agencies to publish a provide information to a third party. or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or submit information before determining that a violation has occurred. The information collection requirements contained in this information collection request are used by the QIOs to collect the information necessary to make their decision. Form Number: CMS–R–65 (OMB control number: 0938–0444); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: Private sector—Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 18; Total Annual Responses: 18; Total Annual Hours: 4,716. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kimberly Harris at 401–837–1118.)


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DEFINITION OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

Title of Information Collection: Final Peer Review Organizations Sanction Regulations
Use: The Peer Review Improvement Act of 1982 amended Title XI of the Social Security Act (the Act), creating the Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization Program. Section 1156 of the Act imposes obligations on health care practitioners and others who furnish or order services or items under Medicare. This section also provides for sanction actions, if the Secretary determines that the obligations as stated by this section are not met. Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) are responsible for identifying violations. The QIOs may allow practitioners or other entities, opportunities to submit relevant information before determining that a violation has occurred. The information collection requirements contained in this information collection request are used by the QIOs to collect the information necessary to make their decision. Form Number: CMS–R–65 (OMB control number: 0938–0444); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: Private sector—Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 18; Total Annual Responses: 18; Total Annual Hours: 4,716. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kimberly Harris at 401–837–1118.)


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Dates: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by December 28, 2020.

Addresses: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following: