In the NH MS4 permit, the following permit parts were the only parts open for modification and comment: 2.0; 2.1.1; 2.1.2.a; 2.2; 2.2.2 (paragraphs 2 and 3); 2.3.3.1; 2.3.5; 2.3.5.3; 2.3.6.a; 2.3.7.2.b.iii; 3.1.3; 4.1.4; 4.4.2.3; Appendix A; Appendix F part III and Attachment 3; and Appendix H. The modifications provide either enhanced clarity regarding permit terms or greater flexibility in permit implementation. EPA prepared Statements of Basis that fully explained the proposed modifications. See www.regulations.gov Docket document EPA–R01–OW–2020–0216–0002, “Statement of Basis for Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit 2020 Modifications.” and document EPA–R01–OW–2020–0216–0005, “Statement of Basis for New Hampshire Small MS4 General Permit 2020 Modifications.” EPA has considered all significant public comments on the permit sections that were open for proposed modification. The docket also contains a Memorandum to the Record discussing the potential impacts of the permit modifications and the Response to Comments documents for the Massachusetts and New Hampshire permits. Based on public comments, EPA plans to finalize the permits as proposed, except for the following changes:

Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit

- EPA updated the typographical error in Appendix F, Table F–6. Grafton and Shrewsbury have the same required percent reduction of 49% for phosphorus from urban stormwater sources for Flint Pond and Lake Quinsigamond.
- EPA updated the permit language to clarify that Part 6.5 is not applicable to the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, which has its own phosphorus reduction requirements, as indicated in Appendix F Part A.1 of the permit.

New Hampshire Small MS4 General Permit

- The proposed modifications to Part 2.3.6 (post-construction stormwater minimum control measures) attempted to rely on the Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA) model ordinances, a successful local program as described in the Statement of Basis, but erred in requiring some pieces of the SWA Model Ordinance to be adopted by SWA communities and others to be adopted by non-SWA communities. In response to comments noting confusion as to which requirements applied to which communities, EPA has updated the language in Part 2.3.6 to remove the different requirements for those communities in and out of the SWA. Consistent with the option in the 2017 NH MS4 Permit, the final permit modification requires that all New Hampshire permitees—those in the SWA and those outside the SWA—adopt a regulatory mechanism that is at least as stringent as SWA Model Standards Section 4 Element C and Element D in their entirety.
- EPA has emailed notifications of the Final Permit Modifications to regulated parties, parties to this mediation, and other interested parties on EPA Region 1’s NPDES permit mailing list. The official public docket for this action, EPA–R01–OW–2020–0216, contains copies of the final permits, response to comments documents, a memorandum describing economic impacts of the modifications, and other supporting material. An electronic version of the public docket is available through www.regulations.gov. These documents are also posted on EPA Region 1’s website at https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/npdes-stormwater-permit-program-new-england#smallms4program. The official public docket is available for public viewing at U.S. EPA Region 1, John W. McCormack Building, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109. Please contact the persons listed in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Environmental Protection Agency


Dennis Deziel,
Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.

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ENFORCEMENT OF THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA) REGULATIONS

Draft Compliance Guide for Imported Articles Containing Surface Coatings Subject to the Long-Chain Perfluoroalkyl Carboxylate and Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonate Chemical Substances Significant New Use Rule; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of and soliciting public comment on the draft compliance guide for the significant new uses EPA identified under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for the import of articles with certain long-chain perfluoroalkyl carboxylate (LCPFC) chemicals as part of the surface coating, as established by EPA’s final rule “Long-Chain Perfluoroalkyl Carboxylate and Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonate Chemical Substances; Significant New Use Rule.” Specifically, the guide provides additional clarity on what is meant by a “surface coating,” identifies which entities are regulated, describes the activities that are required or prohibited, and summarizes the notification requirements of the final significant new use rule (SNUR).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 15, 2021.

or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Due to the public health concerns related to COVID–19, the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room is closed to visitors with limited exceptions. The staff continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit https://www.epa.gov/dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Executive Summary

A. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA is announcing the availability of and soliciting public comment on the draft compliance guide for the significant new uses EPA identified under section 5(a) the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. 2604(a), for the import of articles with certain long-chain perfluoroalkyl carboxylate (LCPFAC) chemicals as part of the surface coating, as established by EPA’s final rule “Long-Chain Perfluoroalkyl Carboxylate and Perfluoralkyl Sulfonate Chemical Substances; Significant New Use Rule” (85 FR 45109, July 27, 2020) (FRL–10010–44) (Ref. 1). Specifically, the draft compliance guide provides additional clarity on what is meant by a “surface coating,” identifies which entities are regulated, describes the activities that are required or prohibited, and summarizes the notification requirements of the final significant new use rule (SNUR).

During the public comment period for the 2020 supplemental proposal (Ref. 2), several commenters asked EPA to define “surface coating” and to include a definition in the regulatory text. In the final rule (Ref. 1), EPA did not finalize a regulatory definition of “surface coating.” Rather, EPA stated that the Agency would issue guidance for imported articles that may contain LCPFAC chemical substances as part of a surface coating. This draft compliance guide was prepared consistent with Executive Order 13891 (84 FR 55235, October 9, 2019) and EPA’s procedural rule for guidance, “EPA Guidance; Administrative Procedures for Issuance and Public Petitions” (85 FR 66230, October 19, 2020).

B. Do guidance documents contain binding requirements?

While the requirements in the statutes and Agency regulations are binding on EPA and the regulated entities, the contents of this compliance guide do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This compliance guide is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies. The statements in the compliance guide are intended solely as guidance to aid in complying with the EPA regulations in 40 CFR part 721.

C. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you import articles containing certain LCPFAC chemical substances. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Manufacturers (including importers) of one or more of subject chemical substances (NAICS codes 325 and 324110) (e.g., chemical manufacturing and petroleum refineries).
- Fiber, yarn, and thread mills (NAICS code 31311).
- Carpet and rug mills (NAICS code 314110).
- Home furnishing merchant wholesalers (NAICS code 423220).
- Carpet and upholstery cleaning services (NAICS Code 561740).
- Manufacturers of computer and other electronic products, appliances, and components (NAICS codes 324 and 335).
- Manufacturers of surgical and medical instruments (NAICS 339112).
- Merchant wholesalers (NAICS codes 423 and 424).
- Stores and retailers (NAICS codes 442, 442, 444, 445, and 454).
- Providers of other support services (NAICS code 561990).

Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The NAICS codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical information contact listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

D. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. Submitting CBI. Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD–ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD–ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD–ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. Tips for preparing your comments. When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html.

II. Request for Public Comment

EPA welcomes comments on any aspect of the draft compliance guide. EPA specifically solicits comments to enable it to enhance the clarity of the compliance guide.

III. References

The following is a listing of the documents that are specifically referenced in this document. The docket includes these documents and other information considered by EPA, including documents that are referenced within the documents that are included in the docket, even if the referenced document is not physically located in the docket. For assistance in locating these other documents, please consult the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.


IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Additional information about these statutes and Executive Orders can be found at http://www2.epa.gov/laws-regulations/laws-and-executive-orders.


This draft compliance guide was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under Executive Orders 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011), and 13891 (84 FR 55235, October 9, 2019). Any changes made in response to OMB recommendations have been documented in the docket for this action as required by section 6(a)(3)(E) of Executive Order 12866.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)

This action does not impose any new information collection burden under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b). The information collection activities associated with existing chemical SNURs are already approved under OMB control number 2070–0038 (EPA ICR No. 1188); and the information collection activities associated with export notifications are already approved under OMB control number 2070–0030 (EPA ICR No. 0795).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information that requires OMB approval under the PRA, unless it has been approved by OMB and displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA’s regulations in Title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the Federal Register, are listed in 40 CFR, part 9, and included on the related collection instrument, or form, as applicable.


Alexandra Dapolito Dunn,
Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0004, FRS 17299]

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection.

Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.” The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before January 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently Under Review”–Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Your comment must be submitted into www.reginfo.gov per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in www.reginfo.gov also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to PRA@fcc.gov and to Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov. Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991. 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 on 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, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. 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 estimates; (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. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.”

OMB Control Number: 3060–0004.

Title: Sections 1.1307 and 1.1311, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radiofrequency Exposure.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 335,441 Respondents; 335,441 Responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.0833 hours (5 minutes)–20 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third-party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory