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imported into the United States during each of the annual averaging periods in which the refinery was subject to its individual anti-dumping baseline. EPA will evaluate all of the information and data submitted under this section in determining the foreign refinery’s sulfur baseline pursuant to this paragraph. Where EPA concludes that the data submitted reasonably reflects current sulfur levels, the refinery’s baseline will be determined based on the annual average sulfur level and volume of gasoline produced by the foreign refinery and imported into the U.S. during the most recent annual averaging period in which the refinery was subject to its individual anti-dumping baseline.


§ 80.250 How is the small refiner sulfur baseline and volume determined?

(a)(1) The small refiner baseline volume is determined for each refinery as follows:

\[ V_b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (V_i \times S_i)}{2} \]

Where:
- \( V_b \) = Baseline volume.
- \( V_i \) = Volume of gasoline batch \( i \).
- \( S_i \) = Sulfur content of batch \( i \).
- \( n \) = Total number of batches of gasoline produced from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1998 (or the total number of batches of gasoline pursuant to §80.245(a)(3); or, for a foreign refinery, the total number of batches of gasoline produced and imported into the U.S. from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1998, or the total number of batches of gasoline produced and imported into the U.S. pursuant to §80.245(c)(2)).
- \( i \) = Individual batch of gasoline produced from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1998 (or individual batch of gasoline produced pursuant to §80.245(a)(3); or, for a foreign refinery, individual batch of gasoline produced and imported into the U.S. from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1998, or individual batch of gasoline produced and imported into the U.S. pursuant to §80.245(c)(2)).

(3) Any refiner who, under §80.69 or §80.101(d)(4), included oxygenate blended downstream in compliance calculations for 1997–1998 must include this oxygenate in the baseline calculations for sulfur content under this section.

(4) Sulfur baseline calculations under this section shall be conducted to two decimal places.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) If at any time a small refinery baseline is determined to be incorrect, the corrected baseline applies ab initio and the annual average standards and cap standards are deemed to be those applicable under the corrected information.


§ 80.255 Compliance plans and demonstration of commitment to produce low sulfur gasoline.

The requirements of this section apply to any refiner approved for small refiner standards who wishes to be eligible for a hardship extension under §80.260.
§ 80.260 What are the procedures and requirements for obtaining a hardship extension?


(b) The application must specify the factors that demonstrate a significant economic hardship and must provide a detailed discussion regarding the inability of the refinery to produce gasoline meeting the requirements of §80.195. Such an application must include, at a minimum, the following information:

(1) Documentation of efforts made to obtain necessary financing, including:
   (i) Copies of loan applications for the necessary financing of the construction of appropriate sulfur reduction technology and other equipment procurements or improvements; and
   (ii) If financing has been disapproved or is otherwise unsuccessful, documents supporting the basis for that disapproval and evidence of efforts to pursue other means of financing;