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each establishment within your facility. If the establishment does not have a D & B number, enter N/A in the boxes reserved for those numbers. Use leading place holding zeros.

Part 3. Responses to Substantiation Questions

The six questions posed in this form are based on the four statutory criteria found in section 322(b) of Title III. The information you submit in response to these questions is the basis for EPA's initial determination as to whether the substantiation is sufficient to support a claim of trade secrecy. EPA has indicated in §350.13 of the final rule the specific criteria that it regards as the legal basis for evaluating whether the answers you have provided are sufficient to warrant protection of the chemical identity. You are urged to review those criteria before preparing answers to the questions on the form.

Part 4. Certification

An *original* signature is required for each trade secret substantiation submitted to EPA, both sanitized and unsanitized. It indicates the submitter is certifying that the particular substantiation provided to EPA is complete, true, and accurate, and that it is intended to support the specific trade secret claim being made. Noncompliance with this certification requirement may jeopardize the trade secret claim.

4.1 Name and Official Title. Print or type the name and title of the person who signs the statement at 4.2.

4.2 Signature. This certification must be signed by the owner or operator, or a senior official with management responsibility for the person (or persons) completing the form. An *original* signature is required for each trade secret substantiation submitted to EPA, both sanitized and unsanitized. Since the certification applies to all information supplied on the forms, it should be signed only after the substantiation has been completed.

4.3 Date. Enter the date when the certification was signed.

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APPENDIX A TO SUBPART A OF PART 350—RESTATEMENT OF TORTS SECTION 757, COMMENT B

b. Definition of trade secret. A trade secret may consist of any formula, pattern, device or compilation of information which is used in one's business, and which gives him an opportunity to obtain an advantage over competitors who do not know or use it. It may be a formula for a chemical compound, a process of manufacturing, treating or preserving materials, a pattern for a machine or other device, or a list of customers. It differs from other secret information in a business (see section 759) in that it is not simply information as to single or ephemeral events in the conduct of the business, as, for example, the amount or other terms of a secret bid for a contract or the salary of certain employees, or the security investments made or contemplated, or the date fixed for the announcement of a new policy or for bringing out a new model or the like. A trade secret is a process or device for continuous use in the operation of the business. Generally it relates to the production of goods, as, for example, a machine or formula for the production of an article. It may, however, relate to the sale of goods or to other operations in the business, such as a code for determining discounts, rebates or other concessions in a price list or catalogue, or a list of specialized customers, or a method of bookkeeping or other office management.

Secrecy. The subject matter of a trade secret must be secret. Matters of public knowledge or of general knowledge in an industry cannot be appropriated by one as his secret. Matters which are completely disclosed by the goods which one markets cannot be his secret. Substantially, a trade secret is known only in the particular business in which it is used. It is not requisite that only the proprietor of the business know it. He may, without losing his protection, communicate it to employees involved in its use. He may likewise communicate it to others pledged to secrecy. Others may also know of it independently, as, for example, when they have discovered the process or formula by independent invention and are keeping it secret. Nevertheless, a substantial element of secrecy must exist, so that, except by the use of improper means, there would be difficulty in acquiring the information. An exact definition of a trade secret is not possible. Some factors to be considered in determining whether given information is one's trade secret are: (1) The extent to which the information is known outside of his business; (2) the extent to which it is known by employees and others involved in his business; (3) the extent of measures taken by him to guard the secrecy of the information; (4) the value of the information to him and to his competitors; (5) the amount of effort or

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money expended by him in developing the information; (6) the ease or difficulty with which the information could be properly acquired or duplicated by others.

Novelty and prior art. A trade secret may be a device or process which is patentable; but it need not be that. It may be a device or process which is clearly anticipated in the prior art or one which is merely a mechanical improvement that a good mechanic can make. Novelty and invention are not requisite for a trade secret as they are for patentability. These requirements are essential to patentability because a patent protects against unlicensed use of the patented device or process even by one who discovers it properly through independent research. The patent monopoly is a reward to the inventor. But such is not the case with a trade secret. Its protection is not based on a policy of rewarding or otherwise encouraging the development of secret processes or devices. The protection is merely against breach of faith and reprehensible means of learning another's secret. For this limited protection it is not appropriate to require also the kind of novelty and invention which is a requisite of patentability. The nature of the secret is, however, an important factor in determining the kind of relief that is appropriate against one who is subject to liability under the rule stated in this section. Thus, if the secret consists of a device or process which is a novel invention, one who acquires the secret wrongfully is ordinarily enjoined from further use of it and is required to account for the profits derived from his past use. If, on the other hand, the secret consists of mechanical improvements that a good mechanic can make without resort to the secret, the wrongdoer's liability may be limited to damages, and an injunction against future use of the improvements made with the aid of the secret may be inappropriate.

Subpart B—Disclosure of Trade Secret Information to Health Professionals

§ 350.40 Disclosure to health professionals.

(a) *Definitions. Medical emergency* means any unforeseen condition which a health professional would judge to require urgent and unscheduled medical attention. Such a condition is one which results in sudden and/or serious symptom(s) constituting a threat to a person's physical or psychological well-being and which requires immediate medical attention to prevent possible deterioration, disability, or death.

(b) The specific chemical identity, including the chemical name of a haz-

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ardous chemical, extremely hazardous substance, or a toxic chemical, is made available to health professionals, in accordance with the applicable provisions of this section.

(c) *Diagnosis or Treatment by Health Professionals in Non-Emergency Situations.* (1) An owner or operator of a facility which is subject to the requirements of sections 311, 312, and 313, shall, upon request, provide the specific chemical identity, if known, of a hazardous chemical, extremely hazardous substance, or a toxic chemical to a health professional if:

(i) The request is in writing;

(ii) The request describes why the health professional has a reasonable basis to suspect that:

(A) The specific chemical identity is needed for purposes of diagnosis or treatment of an individual,

(B) The individual or individuals being diagnosed or treated have been exposed to the chemical concerned, and

(C) Knowledge of the specific chemical identity of such chemical will assist in diagnosis or treatment.

(iii) The request contains a confidentiality agreement which includes:

(A) A description of the procedures to be used to maintain the confidentiality of the disclosed information; and

(B) A statement by the health professional that he will not use the information for any purpose other than the health needs asserted in the statement of need authorized in paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section and will not release the information under any circumstances, except as authorized by the terms of the confidentiality agreement or by the owner or operator of the facility providing such information.

(iv) The request includes a certification signed by the health professional stating that the information contained in the statement of need is true.

(2) Following receipt of a written request, the facility owner or operator to whom such request is made shall provide the requested information to the health professional promptly.

(d) *Preventive Measures and Treatment by Local Health Professionals.* (1) An owner or operator of a facility subject to the requirements of sections 311, 312,