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[OPPT-59351; FRL-5349-6]

Certain Chemicals; Approval of a Test Marketing Exemption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's approval of an application for test marketing exemption (TME) under section 5(h)(1) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and 40 CFR 720.38. EPA has designated this application as TME-96-1. The test marketing conditions are described below.

DATES: This notice becomes effective February 13, 1996. Written comments will be received until March 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, identified by the docket number [OPPT-59351] and the specific TME number should be sent to: TSCA nonconfidential center (NCIC), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. NEB-607 (7407), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by [OPPT-59351]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vera Stubbs, New Chemicals Branch, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-447A, 401 M St. SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260-5671.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5(h)(1) of TSCA authorizes EPA to exempt persons from premanufacture notification (PMN) requirements and permit them to manufacture or import

new chemical substances for test marketing purposes if the Agency finds that the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, use, and disposal of the substances for test marketing purposes will not present an unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment. EPA may impose restrictions on test marketing activities and may modify or revoke a test marketing exemption upon receipt of new information which casts significant doubt on its finding that the test marketing activity will not present an unreasonable risk of injury.

EPA hereby approves TME-96-1. EPA has determined that test marketing of the new chemical substance described below, under the conditions set out in the TME application, and for the time period and restrictions specified below, will not present an unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment. Production volume, use, and the number of customers must not exceed that specified in the application. All other conditions and restrictions described in the application and in this notice must be met.

A notice of receipt of this application was not published in advance of approval. Therefore, an opportunity to submit comments is being offered at this time. EPA will modify or revoke the test marketing exemption if comments are received which cast significant doubt on its finding that the test marketing activities will not present an unreasonable risk of injury.

The following additional restrictions apply to TME-96-1. A bill of lading accompanying each shipment must state that the use of the substance is restricted to that approved in the TME. In addition, the applicant shall maintain the following records until five years after the date they are created, and shall make them available for inspection or copying in accordance with section 11 of TSCA:

1. Records of the quantity of the TME substance produced and the date of manufacture.
2. Records of dates of the shipments to each customer and the quantities supplied in each shipment.
3. Copies of the bill of lading that accompanies each shipment of the TME substance.

TME-96-1

Date of Receipt: December 12, 1995. The extended comment period will close (insert date 15 days after date of publication in the Federal Register).

Applicant: Mitsubishi Chemical America, Inc.

Chemical: (G) 4-phosphoric methyl styrene and divinylbenzene polymer.

Use: (G) Chelating Agent.

Production Volume: 600.

Number of Customers: 30.

Test Marketing Period: 12 months.

Commencing on first day of commercial manufacture.

Risk Assessment: EPA identified no significant health or environmental concerns for the test market substance. Therefore, the test market activities will not present any unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment.

The Agency reserves the right to rescind approval or modify the conditions and restrictions of an exemption should any new information that comes to its attention cast significant doubt on its finding that the test marketing activities will not present any unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPPT-59351] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described above). A public version of this record, including printed versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA nonconfidential information center (NCIC), Rm. NEB-607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Test marketing exemption.

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