Dated: April 27, 1998.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS–51897; FRL–5786–2]

Certain Chemicals; Premanufacture Notices

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture or import a new chemical to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture or import of substances not on the TSCA Inventory. Section 5 of TSCA also requires EPA to publish receipt and status information in the **Federal Register** each month reporting premanufacture notices (PMN) and test marketing exemption (TME) application requests received, both pending and expired. The information in this document contains notices received from February 23, 1998 to February 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, identified by the document control number ''[OPPTS–51897]'' and the specific PMN number, if appropriate, should be sent to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. ETG–099 Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppt.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 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPPTS–51897]. 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''.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this notice. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E–545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC, 20460, (202) 554–1404, TDD (202) 554–0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of TSCA, EPA is required to publish notice of receipt and status reports of chemicals subject to section 5 reporting requirements. The notice requirements are provided in TSCA sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3). Specifically, EPA is required to provide notice of receipt of PMNs and TME application requests received. EPA also is required to identify those chemical submissions for which data has been received, the uses or intended uses of such chemicals, and the nature of any test data which may have been developed. Lastly, EPA is required to provide periodic status reports of all chemical substances undergoing review and receipt of notices of commencement.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number ''[OPPTS–51897]'' (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper 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. NEM–B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

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.

In the past, EPA has published individual notices reflecting the status of section 5 filings received, pending or expired, as well as notices reflecting receipt of notices of commencement. In an effort to become more responsive to the regulated community, the users of this information and the general public, to comply with the requirements of TSCA, to conserve EPA resources, and to streamline the process and make it more timely, EPA is consolidating these separate notices into one comprehensive notice that will be issued at regular intervals.

In this notice, EPA shall provide a consolidated report in the **Federal Register** reflecting the dates PMN requests were received, the projected notice end date, the manufacturer or importer identity, to the extent that such information is not claimed as confidential and chemical identity, either specific or generic depending on whether chemical identity has been claimed confidential. Additionally, in this same report, EPA shall provide a listing of receipt of new notices of commencement.

EPA believes the new format of the notice will be easier to understand by the interested public, and provides the information that is of greatest interest to the public users. Certain information provided in the earlier notices will not be provided under the new format. The status reports of substances under review, potential production volume, and summaries of health and safety data will not be provided in the new notices.

EPA is not providing production volume information in the consolidated notice since such information is generally claimed as confidential. For this reason, there is no substantive loss to the public in not publishing the data. Health and safety data are not summarized in the notice since it is recognized as impossible, given the format of this notice, as well as the previous style of notices, to provide meaningful information on the subject.

In those submissions where health and safety data were received by the Agency, a footnote is included by the Manufacturer/Importer identity to indicate its existence. As stated below, interested persons may contact EPA directly to secure information on such studies.

For persons who are interested in data not included in this notice, access can be secured at EPA Headquarters in the NCIC at the address provided above. Additionally, interested parties may telephone the Document Control Office at (202) 260–1532, TDD (202) 554–0551, for generic use information, health and safety data not claimed as confidential or status reports on section 5 filings.

Send all comments to the address listed above. All comments received will be reviewed and appropriate amendments will be made as deemed necessary.

This notice will identify: (I) PMNs received; and (II) Notices of Commencement to manufacture/import.

I. 8 Premanufacture Notices Received From: 02/23/98 to 02/27/98

Case No.	Received Date	Projected Notice End Date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P–98–0508	02/23/98	05/24/98	CBI	(G) Coating resin, open, non-dispersive use	(G) Polyester polyurethane acrylic copolymer
P–98–0509	02/24/98	05/25/98	Bush Boake Allen Inc.	(S) Fragrance for air freshners; fragrance for liquid laundry detergent; fragrance for liquid surface cleaners; fragrance for soaps; fragrance for shampoo / shower gel; fragrance for household products	(S) Propanoic acid, *z*-methyl-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo [2.2.1] hept-yl ester, exo-
P–98–0510	02/23/98	05/24/98	CBI	(G) Highly dispersive	(G) Disubstituted alkenol
P–98–0511	02/23/98	05/24/98	Wacker Silicones Corporation	(S) Pigment	(G) Siloxanes modified polymethacrylate
P–98–0512	02/25/98	05/26/98	CBI	(G) Coating of metal substrates	(G) Modified epoxy resin copolymer of epoxy withacrylic monomers modifiers acrylic copolymer
P–98–0513	02/25/98	05/26/98	NOF America Corporation	(G) Additive	(G) Methylacrylate copolymer
P–98–0514	02/25/98	05/26/98	Olin Corporation	(S) Film- forming polymer	(G) Polyamic acid, acrylate ester, ethyl ester
P–98–0515	02/27/98	05/28/98	CBI	(G) Adhesive additive, paper additive, printing plate additive	(G) Amines modified poly (vinyl alcohol)

II. 8 Notices of Commencement Received From: 02/23/98 to 02/27/98

Case No.	Received Date	Commencement/Import Date	Chemical
P–95–1332	02/25/98	02/09/98	(G) Secondary aliphatic alcohol
P–97–0316	02/27/98	02/12/98	(S) Silane, hexadecyltrimethoxy
P–97–0552	02/24/98	01/27/98	(G) Metal ester
P–97–0553	02/24/98	01/27/98	(G) Metal ester
P–97–0809	02/23/98	02/06/98	(G) Isocyanate terminated polyurethane
P–97–0856	02/23/98	01/28/98	(G) Hydroxyl terminated polyetherol
P–98–0004	02/26/98	01/29/98	(G) Acrylate polymer
P–98–0194	02/27/98	02/24/98	(G) Cycloolefin polymer

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Premanufacture notices.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

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Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Federal Register Notice No. 32]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) invites comments on the following information collection for which Ex-Im Bank intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed survey questionnaire.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please address written comments to Bernard Lubran, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Business Development, Room 919, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565–3603.