2018 PROCESSOR INVENTORY NOTIFICATION ACTIVE-INACTIVE REQUIREMENTS
NOTIFICATION DEADLINE
Processor Reporting
October 5, 2018
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGULATION?

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Chemical Substance Inventory identifies chemical substances manufactured, processed, or imported in the United States for uses that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulates (e.g., other than food, drugs, cosmetics, pesticides).

EPA is required by Section 8(b) of TSCA to compile and keep “the Inventory” current.

The Inventory was initially published in 1979 and now lists about 85,000 chemicals.

TSCA Inventory Notification (Active-Inactive) requires manufacturers, importers and processors to update the Inventory by identifying the chemical substances active in U.S. commerce.

The submission period for manufacturers and importers ended on February 7, 2018.
REPORTING SEQUENCE

TIMELINE

- **Aug 11, 2017**: Final Rule is Published
- **Feb 7, 2018**: Deadline for Manufacturers / Importers to Notify
- **April 12, 2018**: EPA published updated TSCA inventory of “ACTIVE” chemical substances
- **Oct 5, 2018**: EPA will publish **FINAL** Inventory
- **Dec 4, 2018 (approx.)**: Substances will become Inactive
- **Mar 4, 2019 (approx.)**: Substances will become Inactive

**DEADLINE FOR PROCESSORS TO NOTIFY**

- **Oct 5, 2018**: **“GRACE PERIOD”**
WHAT IS A PROCESSOR?

TSCA defines *processor* as any person that prepares a chemical substance after its manufacture for distribution in commerce (either in the same or different form or physical state) or as part of an article containing the chemical substance.

- Any person who prepares or repackages a chemical substance, prior to distribution in commerce (e.g., 55 gallon drum of lubricant repackaged and sold to 3rd parties in smaller containers).
- Any person who processes chemicals, as part of a mixture or article for distribution in commerce (e.g., mixing of a two-part epoxy for application on aircraft parts).

**PROCESSING EXCLUDES:**

Simply purchasing chemical substances with no intent to distribute into commerce (e.g., floor cleaning solutions).

**TSCA INVENTORY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPLY REGARDLESS OF BUSINESS SIZE, CHEMICAL VOLUME AND INDUSTRY SECTOR**
RETROSPECTIVE REPORTING
Companies must identify chemical substances that were manufactured, imported or processed from June 21, 2006 through June 21, 2016 (Lookback Period)

WHO:
Companies that processed a chemical substance during the Lookback Period

WHAT:
Review the SDS (Safety Data Sheets) provided by the manufacturers or formulators, or other resources with product information. Note that the SDS may not contain the complete inventory of chemicals in that mixture. You may need to go back to your supplier to obtain the additional information (eg. CAS#) or a statement of TSCA compliance.

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2. Compare your processor list to EPA’s latest publications including the updated TSCA Inventory and the most recent list of NOA Form A chemical submissions.

WHO:
Companies that manufactured or imported a chemical substance during the Lookback Period

WHAT: Must have notified EPA via CDX* (EPA’s Central Data Exchange) of chemical substances that are manufactured or imported

WHEN: February 7, 2018

NOTE: A company that imports a formulated mixture imports all the individual components of that mixture.

WHEN: October 5, 2018
WHY SHOULD PROCESSORS REPORT?

Although processors are not required to submit retrospective notice of activity reports before the October 5, 2018 deadline, EPA has provided a mechanism for voluntary notification of inactive chemical substances. This helps companies avoid business disruption.

WHY SHOULD NON-U.S. COMPANIES CARE?

If your company has a U.S. subsidiary that meets the definition of a processor, it is required to comply with U.S. environmental regulations, including the TSCA Inventory Notification.
WORTH THE RISK?

Violation of TSCA could result in significant financial penalties—as well as manufacturing, importing and/or processing delays.

**Criminal Penalties:**
- Up to **one year in jail** / **$50,000 penalty** per day or both, for knowing or willful violations

**Civil Penalties:**
- Up to **$37,500 per violation per day**

If processors discover they are using inactive chemical substances after EPA publishes the Final Inventory (and beyond the 90 day grace period), they must cease processing until they submit required paperwork to EPA.

Violations of TSCA pose a potential business and legal risk to processors, and business disruption risk to their customers.
WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Identify the chemical substances in all formulations processed to produce products for distribution in commerce during the “Lookback Period” (June 21-2006 - June 21-2016).

2. Review TSCA regulations for reporting requirements and potential exemptions.

3. Up to October 5, 2018, continuously validate your company’s list of chemical substances against EPA’s latest publications, including the updated TSCA Inventory and the most recent list of NOA Forms. This is necessary to ensure the chemicals processed during the Lookback Period are designated as active.

4. If you processed a chemical substance during the Lookback Period and the chemical has not yet been activated, submit the NOA Form A by October 5, 2018 (a CDX account is required for submission).

ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR SUBMITTAL APPROVAL
Use the resources below to submit your form(s)

- Central Data Exchange (CDX) Electronic Reporting Portal
- Chemical Information Submission System (CISS) Reporting Tool
- eNOA Software Module
“Is there a mechanism for processors to report chemicals processed after the Lookback Period (eg. 2017)?”

TRUE

EPA recognized that the current reporting system with the set Lookback Period of June 21, 2006 through June 21, 2016, does not allow for reporting of chemicals processed after June 22, 2016 using NOA Form A, and set up a mechanism to address this issue. At the end of the processor reporting period, EPA will provide a 90-day window that will delay chemicals being formally designated as inactive. This 90-day window will allow a company that processed a chemical after the Lookback Period that has not otherwise been notified to submit a NOA Form B, which will move the notified chemical to the active list.

“TSCA reporting should not be a concern for my company because as a processor, this is optional.”

FALSE

While reporting for processors is optional, it is an important mechanism that allows processing companies to ensure all chemicals of commercial interest are appropriately designated as active. If processors do not ensure that substances are listed as active at the end of the reporting period, their process operations will be considered non-compliant and subject to TSCA enforcement and associated penalties.

“Isn’t TSCA Inventory Notification reporting the chemical manufacturer’s or importer’s responsibility?”

TRUE

This is correct. However, the reporting option for processors allows processing companies to ensure all chemicals of commercial interest are appropriately designated as active, as a means of ensuring business continuity for your company and customers.
RESOURCES AND TOOLS FOR YOU

For detailed information on the TSCA Notification Rule including requirements and definitions, please refer to the following links and tools:

• Final TSCA Inventory Notification Rulemaking
• TSCA Inventory Notification Rulemaking User Guide
• CDX Registration User Guide
• IAEG Overview Document: TSCA Inventory Notification Rulemaking
• Bergeson & Campbell Guidance Materials: TSCA Inventory Notification Rulemaking

The below tool is used to complete the registration process. Go to EPA’s website to prepare and submit your registration in the Central Data Exchange:

• https://cdx.epa.gov/

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