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*C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. Be sure to identify the appropriate docket control number (i.e., "OEI-100004") in your correspondence.

1. *By mail.* Submit written comments to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in East Tower Rm. G-099, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is: (202) 260-7093.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: "oppt.ncic@epa.gov." Please note that you should not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. 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 standard computer disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OEI-100004. Electronic comments on this proposal may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

*D. How Should I Handle CBI Information that I Want to Submit to the Agency?*

You may claim information that you submit in response to this proposal as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult with the technical person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

## II. Background Information

### *A. What Does this Notice Do and What Action Does this Notice Affect?*

This document extends the comment period for EPA's September 5, 2000 proposed rule (65 FR 53681) (FRL-6722-3) to add a DINP category to the list of toxic chemicals subject to the reporting requirements under EPCRA section 313 and section 6607 of the PPA.

### *B. Why and for How Long is EPA Extending the Comment Period?*

EPA has received several requests to extend the comment period for the September 5, 2000 proposed rule. In order to ensure adequate opportunities for input from all affected parties, EPA has determined that extending the comment period is an appropriate action and will not cause significant delay in the evaluation of the proposed rule. Therefore, EPA is extending the comment period on the September 5, 2000 proposed rule by 60 days. All comments must be received by February 2, 2001.

## III. Do Any of the Regulatory Assessment Requirements Apply to this Action?

No. As indicated previously, this action merely announces the extension of the comment period for the proposed rule. This action does not impose any new requirements. As such, this action does not require review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866, entitled *Regulatory Planning and Review* (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., or Executive Order 13045, entitled *Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks* (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997). This action does not impose any enforceable duty, contain any unfunded mandate, or impose any significant or unique impact on small governments as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-4). Nor does it require prior consultation with State, local, and Tribal government officials as specified by Executive Order 13132, entitled *Federalism* (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999) and Executive Order 13084, entitled *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* (63 FR 27655, May 19, 1998), or special consideration of environmental justice related issues under Executive Order 12898, entitled *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations* (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994) or require OMB review in

accordance with Executive Order 13045, entitled *Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks* (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997). The Agency has determined that this action will not have a substantial direct effect on States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 12612, entitled *Federalism* (52 FR 41685, October 30, 1987). This action does not involve any technical standards that would require Agency consideration of voluntary consensus standards pursuant to section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA), Public Law 104-113, section 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note). In addition, since this action is not subject to notice-and-comment requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute, it is not subject to the regulatory flexibility provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). EPA's compliance with these statutes and Executive Orders for the underlying proposed rule, is discussed in the preamble to the proposed rule (65 FR 53681).

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 372

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Community right-to-know, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund, Toxic chemicals.

Dated: November 7, 2000

**Elaine G. Stanley,**

*Director, Office of Information Analysis and Access.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 721

[OPPTS-50639A; FRL-6756-9]

RIN 2070-AD43

### Perfluorooctyl Sulfonates, Proposed Significant New Use Rule; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is extending the existing comment period for the proposed significant new use rule (SNUR) on perfluorooctyl sulfonates published on

October 18, 2000, in the **Federal Register**. In response to several requests, the comment period is being extended by 45 days, until January 1, 2001. The comment period was scheduled to close on November 17, 2000. The proposed SNUR under section 5(a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) applies to the following chemical substances: perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOSA) and certain of its salts (PFOSS), perfluorooctanesulfonyl fluoride (PFOF), certain higher and lower homologues of PFOSA and PFOF, and certain other chemical substances, including polymers, that contain PFOSA and its homologues as substructures. All of these chemical substances are referred to collectively in the proposed rule as perfluorooctyl sulfonates, or PFOS. The proposed rule would require manufacturers and importers to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing the manufacture or import of these chemical substances for the significant new uses described in this document. EPA believes that this action is necessary because the chemical substances included in this proposed rule may be hazardous to human health and the environment. The required notice would provide EPA with the opportunity to evaluate an intended

new use and associated activities and, if necessary, to prohibit or limit that activity before it occurs.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket control number OPPTS-50639A, must be received on or before January 1, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPPTS-50639A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information contact: Barbara Cunningham, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Mary Dominiak, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 260-7768; fax

number: (202) 260-1096; e-mail address: dominiak.mary@epa.gov.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

You may be affected by this action if you manufacture (defined by statute to include import) any of the chemical substances that are listed in Table 2 or Table 3 of the proposed rule. Persons who intend to import any chemical substance governed by a final SNUR are subject to the TSCA section 13 (15 U.S.C. 2612) import certification requirements, and to the regulations codified at 19 CFR 12.118 through 12.127 and 12.728. Those persons must certify that they are in compliance with the SNUR requirements. The EPA policy in support of import certification appears at 40 CFR part 707, subpart B. In addition, any persons who export or intend to export any of the chemical substances listed in Table 2 or Table 3 of the proposed rule are subject to the export notification provisions of TSCA section 12(b) (15 U.S.C. 2611(b)), and must comply with the export notification requirements in 40 CFR 721.20 and 40 CFR part 707, subpart D. Entities potentially affected by the SNUR requirements in the proposed rule may include, but are not limited to:

TABLE 1.—ENTITIES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE SNUR REQUIREMENTS

| Categories                          | NAICS Codes | Examples of potentially affected entities   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Chemical Manufacturers or Importers | 325         | Persons who manufacture (defined by statute to include import) one or more of the subject chemical substances |
| Chemical Exporters                  | 325         | Persons who export, or intend to export, one or more of the subject chemical substances                       |

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive. Instead, it provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in Table 1 of this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist in determinations of whether this action might apply to certain entities. To determine if you or your business is affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions at 40 CFR 721.5 for SNUR-related obligations. Note that because the proposed rule would designate certain manufacturing and importing activities as significant new uses, persons that solely process the chemical substances that would be covered by this action would not be subject to the rule. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of

this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### **II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?**

##### *A. Electronically*

You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

##### *B. In person*

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPPTS-50639A. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the TSCA

Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Center is (202) 260-7099.

### III. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

As described in Unit I.C. of the proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** of October 18, 2000 (65 FR 62319) (FRL-6745-5), you may submit your comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. Please follow the instructions that are provided in the proposed rule. Please follow the instructions in Unit I.D. of the proposed rule to submit any information that you consider to be CBI. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify docket control number OPPTS-50639A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

### IV. What Action is EPA Taking?

EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed SNUR on PFOS by 45 days, from November 17, 2000 until January 1, 2001. This proposed rule would require manufacturers and importers to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing the manufacture or import of 90 PFOS chemical substances for the significant new uses described in the proposed rule.

As stated in Unit VII. of the proposed rule, EPA believes that the intent of TSCA section 5(a)(1)(B) is best served by designating a use as a significant new use as of the proposal date of the SNUR, rather than as of the effective date of the final rule. If uses begun after publication of the proposed SNUR were considered to be ongoing, rather than new, it would be difficult for EPA to establish SNUR notice requirements, because any person could defeat the SNUR by initiating the proposed significant new use before the rule became final, and then argue that the use was ongoing.

Persons who begin commercial manufacture or import of PFOS for the significant new uses listed in the proposed SNUR after the proposal has been published would be subject to the requirements of the SNUR when and if the rule goes final, and would have to stop that activity unless it meets the requirements of the final SNUR. Persons who ceased those activities will have to meet all SNUR notice requirements and wait until the end of the notice review period, including all extensions, before engaging in any activities designated as significant new uses. If, however,

persons who begin commercial manufacture or import of these chemical substances between the proposal and the effective date of the SNUR meet the conditions of advance compliance as codified at 40 CFR 721.45(h), those persons will be considered to have met the final SNUR requirements for those activities.

### V. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

EPA proposed this SNUR pursuant to its authority under section 5(a)(2) of TSCA.

### VI. Do Any Regulatory Assessment Requirements Apply to this Action?

No. This action is not a rulemaking, it merely extends the date by which public comments must be submitted to EPA on a proposed rule that previously published in the **Federal Register**. For information about the applicability of the regulatory assessment requirements to the proposed rule, please refer to the discussion in Unit XI. of that document (65 FR 62319, 62330).

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 721

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous materials, Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Dated: November 15, 2000.

**Charles M. Auer**,

*Director, Chemical Control Division.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 20

[WT Docket No. 00-193; FCC 00-361]

### Automatic and Manual Roaming Obligations Pertaining to Commercial Mobile Radio Services

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), we initiate a new proceeding to consider whether the Commission should adopt an "automatic" roaming rule that would apply to Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) systems and whether we should sunset the "manual" roaming requirement that currently applies to those systems.

**DATES:** The agency must receive comments on or before January 5, 2001, and reply comments on or before February 5, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Murray, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-7240; additional information concerning the information collections contained in this document contact Judy Boley at (202) 418-0214, or via the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Federal Communications Commission's (the Commission) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 00-361, in WT Docket No. 00-193, adopted on October 4, 2000 and released on November 1, 2000. The full text of this NPRM is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. The full text may also be downloaded at: [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov). Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260 or TTY (202) 418-2555.

## Synopsis of Memorandum Opinion and Order

### I. Introduction

1. In this notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), we initiate a new proceeding to consider whether the Commission should adopt an "automatic" roaming rule that would apply to Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) systems and whether we should sunset the "manual" roaming requirement that currently applies to those systems. The Commission recently terminated its previous consideration of these roaming issues in Docket No. 94-54. In light of the significant growth and development during the last few years of CMRS services, we believe that a new docket dedicated solely to roaming issues best ensures that we will have up-to-date information on whether roaming services should be regulated.

### II. Summary of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

#### A. Current Requirements

2. Prior to 1996, the Commission's rules required only cellular carriers to offer manual roaming. In the Commission's 1996 *Second Report and Order* and accompanying *Third NPRM*, 11 FCC Rcd 9462, published 61 FR 44026 (Aug. 27, 1996), we considered the imposition of manual and automatic roaming obligations on CMRS providers generally. In the *Second Report and Order*, we determined that the availability of roaming was important to