

Environmental Protection Agency

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§ 790.93 Termination of conditional exemption.

(a) EPA shall terminate a conditional exemption if it determines that:

(1) The test which provided the basis for approval of the exemption application has not been started by the deadlines for initiation of testing adopted in the test rule or modified in accordance with § 790.55; or

(2) Data required by the test rule have not been generated in accordance with the test standards or submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submission of test data that were adopted in the test rule or modified in accordance with § 790.55; or

(3) The testing has not been conducted or the data have not been generated in accordance with the Good Laboratory Practice requirements in part 792 of this chapter.

(b) If EPA determines that one or more of the criteria listed in paragraph (a) of this section has been met, EPA will notify each holder of an affected conditional exemption by certified mail or FEDERAL REGISTER notice of EPA's intent to terminate that conditional exemption.

(c) Within 30 days after receipt of a letter of notification or publication of a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER that EPA intends to terminate a conditional exemption, the exemption holder may submit information to rebut EPA's preliminary decision or notify EPA by letter of its intent to conduct the required test pursuant to the test standard established in the final test rule. Such a letter of intent shall contain all of the information required by § 790.45(c).

(d)(1) The exemption holder may also include a request for a hearing. Hearings will be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 790.97.

(2) Hearing requests must be in writing and must be received by EPA within 30 days after receipt of the letter or publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(e) EPA will notify the exemption holder by certified letter or by FEDERAL REGISTER notice of EPA's final decision concerning termination of conditional exemptions and will give instructions as to what actions the

former exemption holder must take to avoid being found in violation of the test rule.

§ 790.97 Hearing procedures.

(a) Hearing requests must be in writing to EPA and must include the applicant's basis for appealing EPA's decision.

(b) If more than one applicant has requested a hearing on similar grounds, all of those appeals will be considered at the same hearing unless confidentiality claims preclude a joint hearing.

(c) EPA will notify each applicant of EPA's decision within 60 days after the hearing.

§ 790.99 Statement of financial responsibility.

Each applicant for an exemption shall submit the following sworn statement with his or her application:

I understand that if this application is granted before the reimbursement period described in section 4(c)(3)(B) of TSCA expires, I must pay fair and equitable reimbursement to the person or persons who incurred or shared in the costs of complying with the requirement to submit data and upon whose data the granting of my application was based.

APPENDIX A TO SUBPART E OF PART 790—SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPING CONSENT AGREEMENTS AND TEST RULES

EPA intends to follow the schedule set forth in this Appendix to evaluate testing candidates, conduct negotiations, develop consent agreements where appropriate, and propose and promulgate test rules in those instances where testing can be required under section 4(a) of TSCA but agreement cannot be reached in timely manner on a consent agreement. Where deadlines are imposed by the statute, they are binding on EPA and will be observed by the Agency. The remaining dates represent targets that EPA intends to meet.

This schedule is based on what EPA currently believes are reasonable target dates. As EPA gains experience with the process and determines the feasibility of these schedules, it may adjust the schedule accordingly. EPA will solicit public comment before implementing any changes in the schedule.

Week ¹	Event
0	Receive ITC report, recommendation.

Week ¹	Event
2	Publish ITC report, 8(a) and 8(d) notices, and invitation for public participation in negotiations.
3-6	Comment period on ITC report.
6	Public focus meeting.
7-14	8(a) and 8(d) reporting period.
22	Public meeting on course-setting decision and deadline for requests to participate in negotiations.

Week ¹	Event
22-30	Negotiations.
32	EPA decision point: consent agreement or test rule.

¹ The dates contained in the left-hand column are calculated from the date EPA receives the ITC report recommending a chemical for testing.

Week	Consent Agreement	Week	Test Rule
36-40	Comment period on consent agreement	32-60	Rule preparation, agency review and sign-off.
42	Comment resolution meeting if necessary.	62	Publish proposed rule in FEDERAL REGISTER. ¹
48	Sign-off consent agreement and FEDERAL REGISTER notice.	70-106	Agency reviews comments; preparation of final rule or no-test decision, agency review and sign-off. ¹
50	Publish FEDERAL REGISTER notice	108	Publish final rule or no-test decision in FEDERAL REGISTER. ¹

¹ As stated in § 790.26, EPA may publish an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) where the testing recommendations of the ITC raise unusually novel and complex issues that require additional Agency review and opportunity for public comment. EPA intends to publish such ANPRs by Week 62 following receipt of the initial ITC report; to publish a proposed rule or decision-not-to-test by Week 108; and to publish a final rule or notice terminating the rulemaking process by Week 154.

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PART 791—DATA REIMBURSEMENT

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AUTHORITY: 15 U.S.C. 2603 and 2607.

Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 791.1 Scope and authority.

(a) This part establishes procedures and criteria to be used in determining fair amounts of reimbursement for testing costs incurred under section 4(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 U.S.C. 2603(a)).

(b) Section 4(c) of TSCA requires EPA to develop rules for the determination of fair and equitable reimbursement (15 U.S.C. 2603 (c)).

§ 791.2 Applicability.

(a) This rule is potentially applicable to all manufacturers, importers and processors who may be required by a specific test rule promulgated under section 4(a) of TSCA to conduct tests and submit data, and who seek the assistance of the Administrator in determining the amount or method of reimbursement. Persons subject to a test rule have an obligation from the date the test rule becomes effective until the end of the reimbursement period, either to test or to obtain an exemption and pay reimbursement.

(b) The provisions of this rule will take effect only when private efforts to resolve a dispute have failed and a manufacturer or processor requests EPA's assistance.