

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**17 CFR Part 140****Requests for Exemptive, No-Action and Interpretative Letters**

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 22, 1998, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission" or "CFTC") published in the **Federal Register** a request for public comment on proposed regulations to establish procedures for the filing of requests for the issuance of exemptive, no-action and interpretative letters from the Commission's staff. The original comment period expires March 23, 1998. 63 FR 3285 (January 22 1998). By letters dated March 19 and 20, 1998 respectively, the Securities Industry Association and the Futures Industry Association Inc., requested an extension of the comment period. In order to insure that an adequate opportunity is provided for submission of meaningful comments, the Commission has determined to extend the comment period for an additional thirty days for all interested parties.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed rule should be sent to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581. Comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 418-5528, or by e-mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to "Rule Proposal Re: Requests for Exemptive, No-Action, and Interpretative Letters."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher W. Cummings, Special Counsel, or Helene Schroeder, Attorney-Advisor, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581. Telephone Number: (202) 418-5450. Facsimile Number: (202) 418-5547. Electronic Mail; tm@cftc.gov.

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Jean W. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 799**

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Testing Consent Order and Export Notification Requirements for Maleic Anhydride

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On June 26, 1996, EPA proposed a test rule under section 4(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to require manufacturers and processors of 21 hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) to test these substances for certain health effects. Included as one of these chemical substances was maleic anhydride (CAS No. 108-31-6). EPA invited the submission of proposals for enforceable consent agreements (ECAs) for pharmacokinetics (PK) testing of the HAPs chemicals and received a proposal for testing maleic anhydride from the Chemical Manufacturers Association, Maleic Anhydride Panel (CMA MA Panel). In a previous document, EPA solicited interested parties to monitor or participate in negotiations on an ECA for maleic anhydride. EPA is proposing that if an ECA is successfully concluded for maleic anhydride, then the subsequent publication of the TSCA section 4 testing consent order (Order) in the **Federal Register** would add maleic anhydride to the table of testing consent orders for substances and mixtures with Chemical Abstract Service Registry Numbers. As a result of the proposed addition of maleic anhydride, all exporters of maleic anhydride, including persons who do not sign the ECA, would be subject to export notification requirements under section 12(b) of TSCA.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received by EPA on or before May 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Each comment must bear the docket control number, OPPTS-42199A. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-99, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov following the instructions under Unit IV. of this

preamble. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

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 document. 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 make the information available to the public without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For additional information:* Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Rm. E-543B, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

For technical information: Richard W. Leukroth, Jr., Project Manager, Chemical Information and Testing Branch (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-0321; e-mail address: leukroth.rich@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Electronic Availability**

Internet: Electronic copies of this document and various support documents are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register**—Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-TOX/1998/>).

II. Development of Enforceable Consent Agreement for Maleic Anhydride

Maleic anhydride is one of the chemicals proposed for health effects testing in a proposed HAPs test rule under section 4(a) of TSCA in the **Federal Register** of June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33178) (FRL-4869-1). The proposed HAPs test rule was amended on December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67466) (FRL-5742-2). In the proposed HAPs test rule, EPA invited the submission of proposals for PK testing for the chemicals included in the proposed HAPs test rule. These proposals could provide the