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Subject: Feedback Requested: EPA"s TSCA Section 8 Information Collection Request (ICR)

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Attachments: ICR Consultation Questions 2070-0224.pdf

Hello All:

I am contacting you to solicit your input on the renewal of an Information Collection Request (ICR) (see attached questions). This ICR is under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) and titled "Consolidation of Certain Reporting and Recordkeeping Under Section 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)," identified by OMB Control No. 2070-0224. OMB requires federal agencies to consult with nine or fewer potential respondents prior to submitting the ICR renewal to OMB for review and approval. This consultation requirement is in addition to providing the public with 60 days to comment on the proposed collection activity. The notice announcing the ICR renewal and solicitation of comments was published in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 2025 (90 FR 19715). See http://www.regulations.gov/, docket ID EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0728. The ICR supporting statement for this renewal located is in that docket for additional information, identified by document ID EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0728-0012.

The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires that agencies receive Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance before requesting most types of information from the public. In order to receive OMB clearance, federal agencies prepare draft ICRs providing an overview of the information collection and estimates of the cost and time for the public to respond. The agencies consult with potential respondents and the public about the ICR and, where appropriate, incorporate comments received. The draft ICR is then sent to OMB for its review and approval. These ICRs are periodically renewed.

Under this ICR, this information collection request (ICR) covers reporting and recordkeeping requirements imposed under the authorities in section 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. 2607, for persons who manufacture (the term "manufacture" includes import under TSCA) or process chemical substances, mixtures, or chemical categories, or distribute them in commerce. The purpose of the information collection activities is to collect data that will help the Agency evaluate the potential for human health and environmental risks that may be caused by the manufacture, processing, and distribution in commerce of chemical substances, mixtures, or categories.

Please provide responses back by EPA by **June 12, 2025**. Responses can be emailed to eCDRweb@epa.gov and/or submitted to the docket identified above.

Thank you,

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Consultation Questions for the Information Collection Request (ICR) for Consolidation of Certain Reporting and Recordkeeping Under Section 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

(1) Publicly Available Data

- A. Is the data that the Agency seeks available from any public source, or already collected by another office at EPA or by another agency?
- B. If yes, where can you find the data?(Does your answer indicate a true duplication, or does the input indicate that certain data elements are available, but that they do not meet our data needs very well?)

(2) Clarity of Instructions

The ICR covers the requirement under several rules for respondents to maintain records.

- A. Based on the instructions (regulations, FR Notices, etc.), is it clear what you are required to do? If not, what suggestions do you have to clarify the instructions?
- B. Do you understand that you are required to maintain records?

(3) Electronic Reporting and Record keeping

The Government Paperwork Elimination Act requires agencies make available to the public electronic reporting alternatives to paper-based submissions by 2003, unless there is a strong reason for not doing so. One such reason is that, at the present time, the Agency is unable to ensure the security of CBI that might be transmitted via email over the Internet. EPA is currently using Central Data Exchange (CDX) to securely upload CBI information, enabling electronic submissions.

A.	What do you think ab	out electronic alte	ernatives to paper-	based records ar	nd data
	submissions? Would y	ou be interested	in pursuing keepin	g records electro	nically?

В.	Are you	keeping you	r records e	lectronically	y? If	yes, in wh	าat format?

(4) Burden and Costs

- A. Are the labor rates accurate?
- B. The Agency assumes there is no capital cost associated with this activity. Is that correct?
- C. Bearing in mind that the burden and cost estimates include only burden hours and costs associated with the paperwork involved with this ICR (e.g., the ICR does not include estimated burden hours and costs for conducting studies) are the estimated burden hours and labor rates accurate? If you provide burden and cost estimates that are substantially different from EPA's, please provide an explanation of how you arrived at your estimates.
- D. Are there other costs that should be accounted for that may have been missed?