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We will publish appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 11.3 to reflect the changes if the proposal is adopted.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 82

[FRL-7529-5]

RIN 2060-AK67

### Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Ban on Trade of Methyl Bromide With Non-Parties to the Montreal Protocol

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** With this action, EPA is proposing to prohibit the import and export of methyl bromide (class I, Group VI controlled substance) from or to a foreign state that is not a Party to the 1992 Copenhagen Amendments to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Protocol). EPA is proposing to ban trade in methyl bromide with non-Parties to the Copenhagen Amendments to the

Protocol in order to ensure the United States meets its obligations under the Protocol and associated amendments.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of the **Federal Register**, we are adopting these prohibitions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial action and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this action in the preamble to the direct final rule. If we receive no relevant adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive relevant adverse comment, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments on the companion direct final rule must be received on or before August 25, 2003, unless a public hearing is requested. Comments must then be received on or before 30 days following the public hearing. Any party requesting a public hearing must notify the contact person listed below by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on August 4, 2003. If a hearing is requested it will be held August 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the companion direct final rule may be submitted by mail to Air and Radiation. Send two copies of your comments to: Air and Radiation Docket (6102), Air Docket No. A-92-13, Section XIII, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode 6205J, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460. The Docket's hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comments may also be submitted electronically, through hand delivery or courier. Refer to the companion direct final for detailed instructions on submitting comments electronically, or through hand delivery or courier.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about this proposed rule, contact Kate Choban by telephone at (202) 564-3524, or by e-mail at [choban.kate@epa.gov](mailto:choban.kate@epa.gov), or by mail at Kate Choban, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Global Programs Division, Stratospheric Program Implementation Branch (6205J), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, 202-564-3524. Overnight or courier deliveries should be sent to 501 3rd Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20001. You may also visit the Ozone Depletion Web site of EPA's Global Programs Division at <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/index.html> for further information about EPA's Stratospheric Ozone Protection