

chemical-specific, this exemption applies to the specific chemical substances that are listed within the exemption, which are discussed in more detail below. The need for EPA's collection of IURA processing and use information related to a particular chemical substance can change over time; therefore, EPA has also established a process that will allow EPA to revise the list by adding or removing a chemical to reflect the change in interest. The process allows anyone to submit a written request for EPA to consider revising the list of chemical substances covered under this partial exemption. EPA may also revise the list on its own initiative. When a list revision is necessary, EPA's preferred approach will be to issue a direct final rule, which affords an opportunity for public comment, while providing an efficient mechanism for revising the list.

In determining whether there is low current interest in IURA processing and use information related to a specific chemical substance, EPA will look to the specific circumstances surrounding the chemical in question, and may use one or more of the considerations identified below, and/or considerations not identified below, to make an informed decision. EPA will consider the totality of information available for the chemical substance, including but not limited to the following:

(A) Whether the chemical qualifies or has qualified in past IUR collections for the reporting of the information described in § 710.52(c)(4) (i.e., at least one site manufactures 300,000 pounds or more of the chemical).

(B) The chemical substance's chemical and physical properties or potential for persistence, bioaccumulation, health effects, or environmental effects (considered independently or together).

(C) The information needs of EPA, other federal agencies, tribes, states, and local governments, as well as members of the public.

(D) The availability of other complementary risk screening information.

(E) The availability of comparable processing and use information.

(F) Whether the potential risks of the chemical substance are adequately managed by EPA or another agency or authority.

It is important to note that the inclusion of these chemical substances under this partial exemption is not based on the potential risks of the chemicals, but is based on the Agency's current assessment of the need for collecting IURA processing and use information. Additionally, some of these chemicals

have issues that may renew interest in them in the future, at which time EPA will reconsider the applicability of this partial exemption for those chemicals.

To create an initial list of specific chemical substances covered by this partial exemption, EPA started with:

(1) The list of chemical substances identified as part of the HPV Challenge Program for which, based upon a preliminary review of known hazard information, it was determined that the SIDS data set would not further our understanding of the chemical's properties.

(2) The list of the chemical substances that the European Union (EU) exempted from its reporting requirements for existing chemical substances.

(3) Certain other chemicals identified during the Executive Order 12866 interagency review, for which EPA was able to quickly determine, based on a review of their chemical structures, properties, existing hazard information, and available exposure information, that IURA processing and use information is of low current interest.

This list was then adjusted based upon the totality of information available to EPA during the Executive Order 12866 interagency review period to ensure that the chemicals included in this partial exemption were those for which EPA determined that IURA processing and use information is of low current interest. EPA chose these chemicals because almost all previously underwent a review to have gotten on these lists and, considering the time available during the Executive Order 12866 interagency review, the Agency was able to utilize these lists, along with the Agency's current knowledge and understanding of the individual chemical's structure, properties, indications of hazards and potential exposures, to inform its determination that there is a low current interest in IURA processing and use information for these specific chemicals (Ref. 5). As indicated previously, EPA has established a process for revising the list of chemicals covered by this partial exemption, and intends to reconsider the chemicals identified in comments for applicability under this partial exemption.

The list currently consists of the following chemicals:

(1) Chemicals for which it had been determined that the SIDS data set would not further our understanding of the chemical's properties, and not otherwise sponsored under the HPV Challenge Program: 50-70-4, 50-99-7, 56-87-1, 57-50-1, 59-02-9, 69-65-8, 124-38-9, 142-47-2, 1592-23-0, 7440-44-0, 8001-21-6, 8001-22-7, 8001-26-1,

8001-29-4, 8001-30-7, 8001-31-8, 8001-78-3, 8001-79-4, 8002-03-7, 8002-75-3, 8006-54-0, 8016-28-2, 8016-70-4, 8021-99-6, 8029-43-4, 9050-36-6, 16291-96-6, 61789-97-7, 61789-99-9, 64147-40-6, 64755-01-7, 65996-63-6, 65996-64-7, 68188-81-8, 68334-00-9, 68334-28-1, 68409-76-7, 68425-17-2, 68439-86-1, 68476-78-8, 68514-27-2, 68514-74-9, 68525-87-1, 68918-42-3, 68952-94-3, 68989-98-0, and 73138-67-7.

(2) Chemicals from the EU Existing Chemicals Program exempted list that are not currently otherwise a part of another Agency program such as the HPV Challenge Program: 50-81-7, 58-95-7, 59-51-8, 87-79-6, 123-94-4, 137-08-6, 150-30-1, 1317-65-3, 7440-37-1, 7727-37-9, 7782-42-5, 8001-23-8, 8002-13-9, 8002-43-5, 9004-53-9, 9005-25-8, 11103-57-4, 26836-47-5, 61789-44-4, 67701-01-3, 68002-85-7, 68131-37-3, 68308-54-3, 68424-45-3, and 68424-61-3.

(3) Chemicals otherwise identified by EPA based on consideration of the chemical's structure, properties, existing hazard information, and available information concerning the extent of exposure, and which are not currently a part of another Agency program such as the HPV Challenge Program: 1333-74-0, 7782-44-7, 68442-69-3, 68648-86-2, 68648-87-3, 129813-58-7, 129813-59-8 and 129813-60-1.

You may use the process established in § 710.46(b)(2) to submit a request for the Agency to consider other chemical substances for inclusion under this partial exemption. Please ensure that you provide sufficient information in your requests to enable EPA to make the necessary determination after considering the totality of available information. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for additional assistance.

Under the list revision process, EPA will provide a written response to requests within 120 days of receipt, and will maintain copies of these responses in a public docket that will be established for each reporting cycle. In order to assist the Agency in completing any necessary revision to the list before the reporting period, any request for revising the list of chemicals under this partial exemption must be received by the Agency no later than January 1 of the year before the reporting period in question (i.e., 12 months prior to the reporting period). For example, any request for inclusion under this partial exemption must be submitted to EPA no later than January 1, 2004, i.e., 12 months prior to the next reporting