

Amendment to the TSCA Section 5 Enforcement Response Policy

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Amendment to the TSCA Section 5 Enforcement Response Policy

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TO: Addressees

This memorandum amends the TSCA Section 5 Enforcement Response Policy by revising the penalty for falsification of a Notice of Commencement (NOC). This change would apply to those instances where a company has submitted a Notice of Commencement in anticipation of production or importation, the event does not occur, and the company never does produce or import the substance.

This change has been made in response to numerous comments that the policy issued on August 5, 1988, created a large inequity in penalty when a company submits a Notice of Commencement but does not produce a substance, as compared to a company that produces a substance without submitting a Notice of Commencement. In the first situation, the current ERP requires that the violation be charged as a false NOC and would subject the violator to per day penalties from the day the false NOC was submitted to the day of discovery of the violation with the potential of very large penalties. The provision to allow for per day penalties for each calendar day a falsification occurs, was created for those situations where the falsification prevents the Agency from making a reasoned evaluation of the chemical substance. This is not the case for a false NOC. The chemical has been reviewed and mistakenly placed on the Inventory. A reasoned evaluation of the chemical substance has been made.

Attached are the two pages affected by the change with the necessary

revisions incorporated. These pages may be inserted into the TSCA Section 5 ERP in the appropriate places. If you have any questions concerning the revisions please contact David Stangel of my staff at 382-3477.

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Failure to submit a PMN for a chemical substance which would meet all requirements for a polymer exemption under 40 CFR 723.250, except that the company did not file for an exemption, will be assessed as a level 5 violation, per day.

Failure to submit a PMN for a chemical substance which would meet all requirements for a polymer exemption under 40 CFR 723.250, except that the company did not file for an exemption and the substance was further processed for commercial use, distributed to consumers, or released uncontrolled into the environment will be assessed as a level 4 violation, per-day.

Failure to submit a Notice of Commencement is a level 3 violation, one-day.

Failure to submit a timely Notice of Commencement (early or late submission, up to 30 days prior to manufacture or 30 to 60 days after manufacture) is a level 6 violation, one-day.

Failure to submit a timely Notice of Commencement (early or late submission, more than 30 days prior to manufacture or more than 60 days after manufacture) is a level 4 violation, one-day.

Withholding information or submitting false or misleading information with regard to a PMN, Significant New Use Notice, or exemption request is a level 1 violation, per-day.

Submission of a false Notice of Commencement is a level 1 violation, one- day.

Noncompliance of a false Notice of Commencement is a level 1 violation, one- day.

Noncompliance with TSCA Section 5(e) or 5(f) Orders, Rules or Injunctions and Significant New Use Rules

Violation of on-site restrictions is a level 2 violation, per-day.

Violation of off-site restrictions where the substance was either processed by another firm or distributed to consumers or released uncontrolled into the environment is a level 1 violation, per-day.

Failure to submit a Significant New Use Notice when the substance was not distributed is a level 2 violation, per-day.

Failure to submit a Significant New Use Notice when the substance was distributed to consumers is a level 1 violation, per-day.

Violation of production ban or restriction is a level 1 violation, per-day.

Failure to generate reports as required is a level 2 violation, per-day.

VIOLATION
NATURE

LEVEL PER-DAY /
ONE-DAY

Failure to submit a timely Notice of Commencement (early or late submission, up to 30 days prior to manufacture or 30 HA to 60 days after manufacture).	6	One-day
Failure to submit a timely Notice of Commencement (early or late submission, HA more than 30 days prior to manufacture or more than 60 days after manufacture).	4	One-day
Withholding information or submitting false or misleading information with regard to a HA PMN, Significant New Use Notice, or exemption request.	1	Per-day
Submission of a false Notice of Commencement. HA Noncompliance with TSCA Section 5(e) of 5(f) Orders, Rules or Injunctions and Significant Use Rules	1	One-day
Violation of on-site restrictions. CC	2	Per-day
Violation of off-site restrictions where the substance was either processed by another firm or distributed to consumers CC or released uncontrolled into the environment.	1	Per-day
Failure to submit a Significant New Use CC Notice when the substance was not distributed.	2	Per-day
Failure to submit a Significant New Use CC Notice when the substance was distributed to consumers.	1	Per-day
Violation of production ban or restriction. CC	1	Per-day
Failure to generate reports as required. HA	2	Per-day