

(2) *Excess payments*—(i) *In general.* Under section 4682(g)(4)(B), a credit against income tax (without interest) or a refund of tax (without interest) is allowed to a person if—

(A) The person uses an ODC after 1992 as a propellant in a metered-dose inhaler; and

(B) The amount of any tax paid with respect to the ODC under section 4681 or 4682 exceeds the amount that would have been determined under section 4682(g)(4).

(ii) *Amount of credit or refund.* The amount of credit or refund of tax is equal to the excess of—

(A) The tax that was paid with respect to the ODCs under sections 4681 and 4682; over

(B) The tax that would have been imposed under section 4682(g)(4).

(iii) *Procedural rules*—(A) The amount determined under section 4682(g)(4)(B) and paragraph (h)(2)(ii) of this section is treated as a credit described in section 34(a) (relating to credits for gasoline and special fuels) unless a claim for refund has been filed.

(B) See section 6402 and the regulations under that section for procedural rules relating to claiming a credit or refund of tax.

(3) *Definition of metered-dose inhaler.* A metered-dose inhaler is an aerosol device that delivers a precisely-measured dose of a therapeutic drug.

(4) *Qualifying sale.* A sale of an ODC for use as a propellant for a metered-dose inhaler is a qualifying sale if the requirements of § 52.4682-2(b)(4) are satisfied with respect to the sale.

(i) [Reserved]

(j) *Exports; cross-reference.* For the treatment of exports of ODCs, see § 52.4682-5.

(k) *Recycling.* [Reserved]

[T.D. 8370, 56 FR 56307, Nov. 4, 1991, as amended by T.D. 8622, 60 FR 52849, Oct. 11, 1995]

§ 52.4682-2 Qualifying sales.

(a) *In general*—(1) *Special rules applicable to certain sales.* Special rules apply to sales of ODCs in the following cases:

(i) Under section 4682(d)(2), § 52.4682-1(c), and § 52.4682-4(b)(2)(v) (relating to ODCs used as a feedstock), ODCs sold in qualifying sales are not taxed.

(ii) Under section 4682(g), § 52.4682-1(d), and § 52.4682-4(d)(2) (relating to

ODCs used in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation), ODCs sold in qualifying sales are not taxed in 1990 and are taxed at a reduced rate in 1991, 1992, and 1993.

(iii) Under section 4682(g)(4) and § 52.4682-1(g) (relating to ODCs used as medical sterilants), ODCs sold in qualifying sales are taxed at a reduced rate in 1993.

(iv) Under section 4682(g)(4) and § 52.4682-1(h) (relating to ODCs used as propellants in metered-dose inhalers), ODCs sold in qualifying sales are taxed at a reduced rate in years after 1992.

(2) *Qualifying sales.* A sale of ODCs is not a qualifying sale unless the requirements of this section are satisfied. Although registration with the Internal Revenue Service is not required to establish that a sale of ODCs is a qualifying sale, the certificates required by this section shall be made available for inspection by internal revenue agents and officers.

(b) *Requirements for qualification*—(1) *Use as a feedstock.* A sale of ODCs is a qualifying sale for purposes of §§ 52.4682-1(c) and 52.4682-4(b)(2)(v) if the manufacturer or importer of the ODCs—

(i) Obtains a certificate in substantially the form set forth in paragraph (d)(2) of this section from the purchaser of the ODCs; and

(ii) Relies on the certificate in good faith.

(2) *Use in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation.* A sale of ODCs is a qualifying sale for purposes of §§ 52.4682-1(d) and 52.4682-4(d)(2) if the manufacturer or importer of the ODCs—

(i) Obtains a certificate in substantially the form set forth in paragraph (d)(3) of this section from the purchaser of the ODCs; and

(ii) Relies on the certificate in good faith.

(3) *Use as medical sterilants.* A sale of ODCs is a qualifying sale for purposes of § 52.4682-1(g) if the manufacturer or importer of the ODCs—

(i) Obtains a certificate in substantially the form set forth in paragraph (d)(4) of this section from the purchaser of the ODCs; and

(ii) Relies on the certificate in good faith.

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(4) *Use as propellants in metered-dose inhalers.* A sale of ODCs is a qualifying sale for purposes of §§ 52.4682-1(h) and 52.4682-4(b)(2)(vii) if the manufacturer or importer of the ODCs—

(i) Obtains a certificate in substantially the form set forth in paragraph (d)(5) of this section from the purchaser of the ODCs; and

(ii) Relies on the certificate in good faith.

(c) *Good faith reliance*—(1) *In general.* The requirements of paragraph (b) of this section are not satisfied with respect to a sale of ODCs and the sale is not a qualifying sale if at the time of the sale—

(i) The manufacturer or importer has reason to believe that the purchaser will use the ODCs other than for the purpose set forth in the certificate; or

(ii) The Internal Revenue Service has notified the manufacturer or importer that the purchaser's right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn.

(2) *Withdrawal of right to provide a certificate.* The Internal Revenue Service may withdraw the right of a purchaser to provide a certificate to its supplier if such purchaser uses the ODCs to which its certificate applies other than for the purpose set forth in such certificate, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the certificate. The Internal Revenue Service may notify the supplier to whom the purchaser provided the certificate that the purchaser's right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn.

(d) *Certificate*—(1) *In general*—(i) *Rules relating to all certificates.* This paragraph (d) sets forth certificates that satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section. The certificate shall consist of a statement executed and signed under penalties of perjury by a person with authority to bind the purchaser. A certificate provided under paragraph (d)(2) or (5) of this section may apply to a single purchase or to multiple purchases and need not specify an expiration date. A certificate provided under paragraph (d)(3) or (4) of this section may apply to a single purchase or multiple purchases, and will expire as of December 31, 1993, unless an earlier expiration date is specified in the certificate. A new certificate must be given to the

supplier if any information on the current certificate changes. The certificate may be included as part of any business records normally used to document a sale.

(ii) *Special rule relating to certificates executed before January 1, 1992.* Certificates provided under this paragraph (d)(2) and executed before January 1, 1992, satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section if they are in substantially the same form as certificates set forth in § 52.4682-2T.

(2) *Certificate relating to ODCs used as a feedstock*—(i) *ODCs that will be resold for use by the second purchaser as a feedstock.* If the purchaser will resell the ODCs to a second purchaser for use by such second purchaser as a feedstock, the certificate provided by the purchaser must be in substantially the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASER OF CHEMICALS THAT WILL BE RESOLD FOR USE BY THE SECOND PURCHASER AS A FEEDSTOCK

(To support tax-free sales under section 4682(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

Date _____

The undersigned purchaser ("Purchaser") hereby certifies the following under penalties of perjury:

The following percentage of ozone-depleting chemicals purchased from

_____ (name and address of seller)

will be resold by Purchaser to persons (Second Purchasers) that certify to Purchaser that they are purchasing the ozone-depleting chemicals for use as a feedstock (as defined in § 52.4682-1(c)(3) of the Environmental Tax Regulations).

Product	Percentage
CFC-11.	
CFC-12.	
CFC-113.	
CFC-114.	
CFC-115.	
Carbon tetrachloride .	
Methyl chloroform .	
Other (specify) .	

This certificate applies to (check and complete as applicable):

_____ All shipments to Purchaser at the following location(s):

_____ All shipments to Purchaser under the following Purchaser account number(s):

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Purchaser will retain the business records needed to document the use as a feedstock of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies and will make such records available for inspection by Government officers.

Purchaser has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that its right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn.

Purchaser understands that the fraudulent use of this certificate may subject Purchaser and all parties making such fraudulent use of this certificate to a fine or imprisonment, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Signature

Printed or typed name of person signing

Title of person signing

Name of Purchaser

Address

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(3) *Certificate relating to ODCs used in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation—(i) ODCs that will be resold to a second purchaser for use by the second purchaser in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation. If the purchaser will resell the ODCs to a second purchaser for use by such second purchaser in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation, the certificate provided by the purchaser must be in substantially the following form:*

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASER OF CHEMICALS THAT WILL BE RESOLD FOR USE BY THE SECOND PURCHASER IN THE MANUFACTURE OF RIGID FOAM INSULATION

(To support tax-free or tax-reduced sales under section 4682(g) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

Effective Date _____
Expiration Date _____
(not after 12/31/93)

The undersigned purchaser ("Purchaser") hereby certifies the following under penalties of perjury:

The following percentage of ozone-depleting chemicals purchased from

(name and address of seller)

will be resold by Purchaser to persons (Second Purchasers) that certify to Purchaser

that they are purchasing the ozone-depleting chemicals for use in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation (as defined in §52.4682-1(d)(3) and (4) of the Environmental Tax Regulations).

Product	Percentage
CFC-11.	
CFC-12.	
CFC-113.	
CFC-114.	
CFC-115.	
Carbon tetrachloride .	
Methyl chloroform .	
Other (specify) .	

This certificate applies to (check and complete as applicable):

All shipments to Purchaser at the following location(s):

All shipments to Purchaser under the following Purchaser account number(s):

All shipments to Purchaser under the following purchase order(s):

One or more shipments to Purchaser identified as follows:

Purchaser will not claim a credit or refund under section 4682(g)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for any ozone-depleting chemicals covered by this certificate.

Purchaser understands that any use by Purchaser of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies other than for the purpose set forth in this certificate may result in the withdrawal by the Internal Revenue Service of Purchaser's right to provide a certificate.

Purchaser will retain the business records needed to document the sales covered by this certificate and will make such records available for inspection by Government officers. Purchaser also will retain and make available for inspection by Government officers the certificates of its Second Purchasers.

Purchaser has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that its right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service has not notified Purchaser that the right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn from any Second Purchaser who will purchase ozone-

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depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies.

Purchaser understands that the fraudulent use of this certificate may subject Purchaser and all parties making such fraudulent use of this certificate to a fine or imprisonment, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Signature

Printed or typed name of person signing

Title of person signing

Name of Purchaser

Address

Taxpayer Identifying Number

(ii) *ODCs that will be used by the purchaser in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation.* If the purchaser will use the ODCs in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation, the certificate provided by the purchaser must be in substantially the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASER OF CHEMICALS THAT WILL BE USED BY THE PURCHASER IN THE MANUFACTURE OF RIGID FOAM INSULATION

(To support tax-free or tax-reduced sales under section 4682(g) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

Effective Date _____
Expiration Date _____
(not after 12/31/93)

The undersigned purchaser ("Purchaser") hereby certifies the following under penalties of perjury:

The following percentage of ozone-depleting chemicals purchased from

(name and address of seller)

will be used by Purchaser in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation (as defined in § 52.4682-1(d) (3) and (4) of the Environmental Tax Regulations).

Product	Percentage
CFC-11.	
CFC-12.	
CFC-113.	
CFC-114.	
CFC-115.	
Carbon tetrachloride .	
Methyl chloroform .	
Other (specify) .	

This certificate applies to (check and complete as applicable):

All shipments to Purchaser at the following location(s):

All shipments to Purchaser under the following Purchaser account number(s):

All shipments to Purchaser under the following purchase order(s):

One or more shipments to Purchaser identified as follows:

Purchaser will not claim a credit or refund under section 4682(g)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for any ozone-depleting chemicals covered by this certificate.

Purchaser understands that any use by Purchaser of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies other than in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation may result in the withdrawal by the Internal Revenue Service of Purchaser's right to provide a certificate.

Purchaser will retain the business records needed to document the use in the manufacture of rigid foam insulation of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies and will make such records available for inspection by Government officers.

Purchaser has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that its right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn.

Purchaser understands that the fraudulent use of this certificate may subject Purchaser and all parties making such fraudulent use of this certificate to a fine or imprisonment, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Signature

Printed or typed name of person signing

Title of person signing

Name of Purchaser

Address

Taxpayer Identifying Number

(4) *Certificate relating to ODCs used as medical sterilants—(1) ODCs that will be*

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resold for use by the second purchaser as medical sterilants. If the purchaser will resell the ODCs to a second purchaser for use by such second purchaser as medical sterilants, the certificate provided by the purchaser must be in substantially the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASER OF CHEMICALS THAT WILL BE RESOLD FOR USE BY THE SECOND PURCHASER AS MEDICAL STERILANTS

(To support tax-reduced sales under section 4682(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

Effective Date _____
 Expiration Date _____
 (not after 12/31/93)

The undersigned purchaser (Purchaser) certifies the following under penalties of perjury:

The following percentage of ozone-depleting chemicals purchased from:

(Name of seller) _____

(Address of seller) _____

will be resold by Purchaser to persons (Second Purchasers) that certify to Purchaser that they are purchasing the ozone-depleting chemicals for use as medical sterilants (as defined in §52.4682-1(g)(3) of the Environmental Tax Regulations).

Product	Percentage
CFC-12	_____

This certificate applies to (check and complete as applicable):

_____ All shipments to Purchaser at the following location(s):

_____ All shipments to Purchaser under the following Purchaser account number(s):

_____ All shipments to Purchaser under the following purchase order(s):

_____ One or more shipments to Purchaser identified as follows:

Purchaser will not claim a credit or refund under section 4682(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code for any ozone-depleting chemicals covered by this certificate.

Purchaser understands that any use by Purchaser of the ozone-depleting chemicals

to which this certificate applies other than for the purpose set forth in this certificate may result in the withdrawal by the Internal Revenue Service of Purchaser's right to provide a certificate.

Purchaser will retain the business records needed to document the sales covered by this certificate and will make such records available for inspection by Government officers. Purchaser also will retain and make available for inspection by Government officers the certificates of its Second Purchasers.

Purchaser has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that its right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service has not notified Purchaser that the right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn from any Second Purchaser who will purchase ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies.

Purchaser understands that the fraudulent use of this certificate may subject Purchaser and all parties making such fraudulent use of this certificate to a fine or imprisonment, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Name of Purchaser _____

Address of Purchaser _____

Taxpayer Identifying Number of Purchaser _____

Title of person signing _____

Printed or typed name of person signing _____

Signature _____

(ii) *ODCs that will be used by the purchaser as medical sterilants. If the purchaser will use the ODCs as medical sterilants, the certificate provided by the purchaser must be in substantially the following form:*

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASER OF CHEMICALS THAT WILL BE USED BY THE PURCHASER AS MEDICAL STERILANTS

(To support tax-reduced sales under section 4682(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

Effective Date _____
 Expiration Date _____
 (not after 12/31/93)

The undersigned purchaser (Purchaser) certifies the following under penalties of perjury:

The following percentage of ozone-depleting chemicals purchased from:

(Name of seller) _____

(Address of seller) _____

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will be used by Purchaser as medical sterilants (as defined in §52.4682-1(g)(3) of the Environmental Tax Regulations).

Table with 2 columns: Product, Percentage. Row 1: CFC-12

This certificate applies to (check and complete as applicable):

All shipments to Purchaser at the following location(s):

All shipments to Purchaser under the following Purchaser account number(s):

All shipments to Purchaser under the following purchase order(s):

One or more shipments to Purchaser identified as follows:

Purchaser will not claim a credit or refund under section 4682(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code for any ozone-depleting chemicals covered by this certificate.

Purchaser understands that any use by Purchaser of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies other than as medical sterilants may result in the withdrawal by the Internal Revenue Service of Purchaser's right to provide a certificate.

Purchaser will retain the business records needed to document the use as medical sterilants of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies and will make such records available for inspection by Government officers.

Purchaser has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that its right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn.

Purchaser understands that the fraudulent use of this certificate may subject Purchaser and all parties making such fraudulent use of this certificate to a fine or imprisonment, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Name of Purchaser

Address of Purchaser

Taxpayer Identifying Number of Purchaser

Title of person signing

Printed or typed name of person signing

Signature

(5) Certificate relating to ODCs used as propellants in metered-dose inhalers—(i) ODCs that will be resold for use by the second purchaser as propellants in metered-dose inhalers. If the purchaser will resell the ODCs to a second purchaser for use by such second purchaser as propellants in metered-dose inhalers, the certificate provided by the purchaser must be in substantially the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASER OF CHEMICALS THAT WILL BE RESOLD FOR USE BY THE SECOND PURCHASER AS PROPELLANTS IN METERED-DOSE INHALERS

(To support tax-reduced sales under section 4682(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

Date

The undersigned purchaser (Purchaser) certifies the following under penalties of perjury:

The following percentage of ozone-depleting chemicals purchased from:

(Name of seller)

(Address of seller)

will be resold by Purchaser to persons (Second Purchasers) that certify to Purchaser that they are purchasing the ozone-depleting chemicals for use as propellants in metered-dose inhalers (as defined in §52.4682-1(h)(3) of the Environmental Tax Regulations).

Table with 2 columns: Product, Percentage. Rows: CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-114

This certificate applies to (check and complete as applicable):

All shipments to Purchaser at the following location(s):

All shipments to Purchaser under the following Purchaser account number(s):

All shipments to Purchaser under the following purchase order(s):

One or more shipments to Purchaser identified as follows:

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Purchaser will not claim a credit or refund under section 4682(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code for any ozone-depleting chemicals covered by this certificate.

Purchaser understands that any use by Purchaser of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies other than for the purpose set forth in this certificate may result in the withdrawal by the Internal Revenue Service of Purchaser's right to provide a certificate.

Purchaser will retain the business records needed to document the sales covered by this certificate and will make such records available for inspection by Government officers. Purchaser also will retain and make available for inspection by Government officers the certificates of its Second Purchasers.

Purchaser has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that its right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service has not notified Purchaser that the right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn from any Second Purchaser who will purchase ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies.

Purchaser understands that the fraudulent use of this certificate may subject Purchaser and all parties making such fraudulent use of this certificate to a fine or imprisonment, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Name of Purchaser _____
 Address of Purchaser _____
 Taxpayer Identifying Number of Purchaser _____
 Title of person signing _____
 Printed or typed name of person signing _____
 Signature _____

(ii) ODCs that will be used by the purchaser as propellants in metered-dose inhalers. If the purchaser will use the ODCs as propellants in metered-dose inhalers, the certificate provided by the purchaser must be in substantially the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASER OF CHEMICALS THAT WILL BE USED BY THE PURCHASER AS PROPELLANTS IN METERED-DOSE INHALERS

(To support tax-reduced sales under section 4682(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.)
 Date _____

The undersigned purchaser (Purchaser) certifies the following under penalties of perjury:

The following percentage of ozone-depleting chemicals purchased from:

(Name of seller) _____

(Address of seller) _____

will be used by Purchaser as propellants in metered-dose inhalers (as defined in § 52.4682-1(h)(3) of the Environmental Tax Regulations).

Product	Percentage
CFC-11	_____
CFC-12	_____
CFC-114	_____

This certificate applies to (check and complete as applicable):

_____ All shipments to Purchaser at the following location(s):

_____ All shipments to Purchaser under the following Purchaser account number(s):

_____ All shipments to Purchaser under the following purchase order(s):

_____ One or more shipments to Purchaser identified as follows:

Purchaser will not claim a credit or refund under section 4682(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code for any ozone-depleting chemicals covered by this certificate.

Purchaser understands that any use by Purchaser of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies other than as propellants in metered-dose inhalers may result in the withdrawal by the Internal Revenue Service of Purchaser's right to provide a certificate.

Purchaser will retain the business records needed to document the use as propellants in metered-dose inhalers of the ozone-depleting chemicals to which this certificate applies and will make such records available for inspection by Government officers.

Purchaser has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that its right to provide a certificate has been withdrawn.

Purchaser understands that the fraudulent use of this certificate may subject Purchaser and all parties making such fraudulent use of this certificate to a fine or imprisonment,

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or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Name of Purchaser

Address of Purchaser

Taxpayer Identifying Number of Purchaser

Title of person signing

Printed or typed name of person signing

Signature

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§ 52.4682-3 Imported taxable products.

(a) *Overview; references to Tables; special rule for 1990*—(1) *Overview.* This section provides rules relating to the tax imposed on imported taxable products under section 4681, including rules for identifying imported taxable products, determining the weight of the ozone-depleting chemicals (ODCs) used as materials in the manufacture of such products, and computing the amount of tax on such products. See § 52.4681-1(a)(2) and (c) for general rules and definitions relating to the tax on imported taxable products.

(2) *References to Tables.* When used in this section—

(i) The term *Imported Products Table* (Table) refers to the Table set forth in paragraph (f)(6) of this section; and

(ii) The term *current Imported Products Table* (current Table) used with respect to a product refers to the Table in effect on the date such product is first sold or used by the importer thereof.

(3) *Special rule for 1990.* In the case of products first sold or used before January 1, 1991, post-1990 ODCs (as defined in § 52.4681-1(c)(9)) shall not be taken into account in applying the rules of this section.

(b) *Imported taxable products*—(1) *In general*—(i) *Rule.* Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the term “imported taxable product” means any product that—

(A) Is entered into the United States for consumption, use, or warehousing; and

(B) Is listed in the current Table.

(ii) *Example.* The application of this paragraph (b)(1) may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. A brings a light truck with a Harmonized Tariff Schedule classification of 8704 into the customs territory and enters the truck for transportation and exportation. Although the truck is listed in the current Table, it is not an imported taxable product because it is not entered for consumption, use, or warehousing. The truck also would not be an imported taxable product if it were admitted to a foreign trade zone (rather than brought into the customs territory) for transportation and exportation.

(2) *Exceptions*—(i) *In general.* A product is not treated as an imported taxable product if—

(A) The product is listed in Part I of the current Table and the adjusted tax with respect to the product is *de minimis* (within the meaning of paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section); or

(B) The product is listed in Part II of the current Table, the adjusted tax with respect to the product is *de minimis* (within the meaning of paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section), and the ODCs (other than methyl chloroform) used as materials in the manufacture of the product were not used for purposes of refrigeration or air conditioning, creating an aerosol or foam, or manufacturing electronic components.

(ii) *De minimis adjusted tax.* The adjusted tax with respect to a product is *de minimis* if such tax is less than one-tenth of one percent of the importer’s cost of acquiring such product. The term *adjusted tax* means the tax that would be imposed under section 4681 on the ODCs used as materials in the manufacture of such product if such ODCs were sold in the United States and the base tax amount were \$1.00.

(c) *Taxable event*—(1) *In general.* Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (c) (2) and (3) of this section, the tax on an imported taxable product is imposed when the product is first sold or used (as defined in § 52.4681-1(c) (6) and (7)) by its importer. Thus, for example, imported taxable products that are warehoused or repackaged after entry and then exported without being sold or used in the United States are not subject to tax.

(2) *Election to treat importation as use*—(i) *In general.* An importer may elect to treat the entry of products