

number of each type of equipment to be distributed in commerce, and the approximate number of distributors covered by the petition. All information may be provided on a group basis.

(vii) Persons filing petitions under paragraphs (a) (5) and (6) of this section must provide the information required by paragraphs (c) (1) through (8) of this section for each petitioner named in the petition.

(d) EPA reserves the right to request further information as to each petition where necessary to determine whether the petition meets the statutory tests of section 6(e)(3)(B) of TSCA prior to or after publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking required by § 750.33 of these rules.

(e) *Renewal requests.* (1) Any petitioner who has been granted an exemption under 40 CFR 761.80, except paragraph (g) of 40 CFR 761.80, on or after May 25, 1994, and who seeks to renew that exemption without changing its terms, must submit a letter by certified mail to EPA requesting that the exemption be granted for the following year.

(i) This letter must contain a certification by the petitioner that the type of activities, the procedures for handling the PCBs, the amount of PCBs handled, and any other aspect of the exemption have not changed from the original exemption petition request.

(ii) This letter must be received by EPA at least 6 months prior to the expiration of the existing exemption.

(iii) If a petitioner fails to make a submission or the submission is not timely under this section, the exemption will expire 1 year from the effective date of granting that exemption.

(iv) EPA will address a timely submission of a renewal request by rulemaking and either grant or deny the request.

(2) Any petitioner who has been granted an exemption on or after May 25, 1994, and who seeks to increase the amount of PCBs handled or to change the type of activities, the procedures for handling the PCBs, and any other aspect of their existing exemption must submit a new exemption petition to EPA. The existing exemption activity may continue until the new submission is addressed by rulemaking, pro-

vided the activity conforms to the terms of the current exemption approved by EPA, and the petitioner complies with the conditions of paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

(3) Any petitioner who has been granted a TSCA section 6(e)(3)(B) exemption in a rule prior to May 25, 1994, and who seeks to increase the amount of PCBs handled or to change the type of activities, the procedures for handling the PCBs, and any other aspect of their existing exemption must submit a new exemption petition to EPA. The existing exemption activity may continue until the new submission is addressed by rulemaking, provided the activity conforms to the terms of the original exemption approved by EPA.

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#### § 750.32 Consolidation of rulemaking.

All petitions received pursuant to § 750.31(a) will be consolidated into one rulemaking with one informal hearing held on all petitions.

#### § 750.33 Notice of proposed rulemaking.

Rulemaking for PCB processing and distribution in commerce exemptions filed pursuant to § 750.31(a) will begin with the publication of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Each notice will contain:

(a) A summary of the information required in § 750.31(d);

(b) A statement of the time and place at which the informal hearing required by section 6(c)(2)(C) of TSCA shall begin, or, to the extent these are not specified, a statement that they will be specified later in a separate FEDERAL REGISTER notice provided that FEDERAL REGISTER notice of the date and city at which any informal hearing shall begin will be given at least 30 days in advance;

(c) A statement identifying the place at which the official record of the rulemaking is located, the hours during which it will be open for public inspection, the documents contained in it as of the date the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was issued, and a statement of the approximate times at which additional materials such as

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public comments, hearing transcripts, and Agency studies in progress will be added to the record. If any material other than public comments or material generated by a hearing is added to the record after publication of the notice required by this action, and notice of its future addition was not given at the time of that initial publication, a separate FEDERAL REGISTER notice announcing its addition to the record and inviting comment will be published;

(d) The due date for public comments, which will be (1) 30 days after publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking for main comments and (2) one week after the informal hearing for reply comments;

(e) The name, address, and office telephone number of the Record Clerk and the Hearing Clerk for the rulemaking in question; and

(f) A nonbinding target date for issuing the final rule.

### § 750.34 Record.

(a) No later than the date of proposal of a rule subject to this subpart, a rulemaking record for that rule will be established. It will consist of a separate identified filing space containing:

(1) All documents required by § 750.31(d);

(2) All public comments timely received;

(3) All public hearing transcripts;

(4) All material received during an informal hearing and accepted for the record of that hearing; and

(5) Any other information that the Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances considers to be relevant to such rule and that the Assistant Administrator identified, on or before the date of the promulgation of the rule, in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) All material in the record will be appropriately indexed. Each record will be available for public inspection during normal EPA business hours. Appropriate arrangements allowing members of the public to copy record materials that do not risk the permanent loss of such materials will be made. All material required to be included in the record will be added to the record as soon as feasible after its receipt by EPA.

(c) The Record Clerk for each rulemaking will be responsible for EPA compliance with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.

### § 750.35 Public comments.

(a) Main comments must be post-marked or received no later than the time specified in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and must contain all comments on and criticisms of that Notice by the commenting person, based on information which is or reasonably could have been available to that person at the time.

(b) Reply comments must be post-marked or received no later than one week after the close of all informal hearings on the proposed rule and must be restricted to comments on:

(1) Other comments;

(2) Material in the hearing record; and

(3) Material which was not and could not reasonably have been available to the commenting party a sufficient time before main comments were due.

(c) Extensions of the time for filing comments may be granted in writing by the Hearing Chairman. Application for an extension must be made in writing. Comments submitted after the comment period and all extensions of it have expired need not be added to the rulemaking record and need not be considered in decisions concerning the rule.

(d) Unless the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking states otherwise, four copies of all comments must be submitted.

### § 750.36 Confidentiality.

EPA encourages the submission of non-confidential information by petitioners and commentors. EPA does not wish to have unnecessary restrictions on access to the rulemaking record. However, if a petitioner or commentor believes that he can only state his position through the use of information claimed to be confidential, he may submit it. Such information must be separately submitted for the rulemaking record and marked "confidential" by the submitter. For the information claimed to be confidential, EPA will list only the date and the name and address of the petitioner or commentor in