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### Via Electronic Mail

Lee Zeldin, Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Office of the Administrator, 1101A 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.

### Re: TSCA Section 21 Petition to Initiate a Proceeding for the Amendment of 40 C.F.R. Part 705 – Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Certain Per – and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

On behalf of a coalition of chemical companies ("the Coalition") directly impacted by the reporting requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 705, we respectfully submit this petition to amend Part 705, pursuant to §21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2620 ("Citizens' petitions"), and the February 19, 2025, Executive Order, *Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implement the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency' Deregulatory Initiative*.

We also request that the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") withdraw the current reporting obligations that begin on July 11, 2025, ending on Jan. 11, 2026, to allow EPA sufficient time to repropose the rule in accordance with this petition and issue a new reporting deadline.

### I. Background

On June 28, 2021, EPA proposed reporting and record keeping requirements for per and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") pursuant to the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act<sup>1</sup>, which amended the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA") by adding a new \$8(a)(7):

(7) PFAS DATA.—Not later than January 1, 2023, the Administrator shall promulgate a rule *in accordance with this subsection* requiring each person who has manufactured a chemical substance that is a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Pub. L. No. 116-92, section 7351).



substance in any year since January 1, 2011, to submit to the Administrator a report that includes, for each year since January 1, 2011, the information described in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of paragraph (2). (emphasis added).

Despite the absence of any legislative history, the Biden EPA asserted that "Congress chose to add an entirely new, standalone subsection to TSCA section 8(a)."<sup>2</sup> And that by doing so, Congress intended \$8(a)(7) to be unfettered and unconstrained by exemptions that EPA has applied to other 8(a) reporting rules (*e.g.*, Chemical Data Reporting ("CDR") rule). Thus, in its proposal, EPA did not include **any** reporting exemptions or production volume thresholds. Despite voluminous public comments advocating for exemptions and thresholds, EPA held fast to its mistakenly narrow read of \$8(a)(7).

Consequently, the rule as finalized on October 11, 2023, will impose costly and timeintensive data collection burdens on many thousands of companies, including small businesses, without commensurate tangible benefits. Indeed, EPA's cost estimates total nearly a staggering billion dollars.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, without properly limiting PFAS reporting, EPA inevitably will be inundated with mountains of data on potentially thousands of PFAS, outstripping its capacity to systematically review and timely utilize these data.

### II. TSCA § 8(a)(7) is Not a Standalone Provision

EPA's narrow read of the new PFAS reporting provision fails to comport with *Loper Bright* because EPA's interpretation of §8(a)(7) fails to reflect the "best reading" of this provision of TSCA.<sup>4</sup> Congress specifically directed EPA to "promulgate a rule *in accordance with this subsection …..*" (emphasis added). As used in TSCA, the term "subsection" refers to the first rank subdivision below the numbered section level. Accordingly, this cross reference in §8(a)(7) refers to TSCA subsection 8(a) and requires that EPA promulgate the PFAS rule "in accordance with" that subsection, (See, e.g., references to "subsection" (b) in TSCA §8(a)(1) and (3); references to "subsection" (a) in TSCA §8(b)(1)). EPA, therefore, can and should apply to paragraph 8(a)(7) the typical TSCA 8(a) reporting exemptions (e.g., by-products, impurities, articles, R&D materials, and a production volume threshold) applied to other TSCA subsection 8(a) reporting rules.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 86 Fed. Reg. 33926, 33929 (June 28, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 88 Fed. Reg. 70516, 70517 (October 11, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo, 603 U.S. 369, 373, 144 S. Ct. 2244, 2247, 219 L. Ed. 2d 832 (2024).

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{5}{2}$  EPA also recognized the importance of reporting exemptions in its final TSCA fees rule, in which EPA specifically included exemptions from fees for: research and development activities; entities manufacturing less than 2,500 lbs. of a chemical undergoing risk evaluation; chemicals produced as non-isolated intermediates; (continued ...)



EPA does not provide a cogent rationale for not including any of these exemptions.<sup>6</sup> With respect to articles, for example, EPA candidly admits that even after fully satisfying the reporting standard, an importer of an article containing PFAS "may not have knowledge that they imported PFAS and thus not report under this rule." <sup>7</sup> We agree. Then why subject imported articles that contain PFAS to the reporting rule?

Equally striking, EPA applies its "standalone" interpretation inconsistently. EPA states that both the \$8(a)(2) "known or reasonably ascertainable" due diligence standard and the \$8(a)(5) bar against duplicative or unnecessary reporting are applicable to limit the scope of \$8(a)(7) PFAS reporting, but the \$8(a)(1) exemption for small manufacturers is not.<sup>8</sup>

Moreover, under the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), EPA has not demonstrated that "it has taken every reasonable step" to collect information from submitters in a manner which "is the least burdensome;" "is not duplicative of information otherwise accessible to the agency;" and "has practical utility."<sup>9</sup> The PRA approval criteria – properly applied – will help to ensure that private and government resources to gather more information on PFAS uses and exposures are properly focused to collect useful information for TSCA purposes from those most likely to have it.

<sup>9</sup> 5 CFR §1320.5(d)(1).

chemicals imported in articles; chemicals produced as byproducts; and chemicals produced or imported as an impurity. 89 Fed. Reg. 12961, 12969 (February 21, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 86 Fed. Reg. at 33,930.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 86 Fed. Reg. at 33,929.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 33,930. Section 8(a) burden limiting provisions include the following: EPA may only require reporting that is "reasonable" (\$8(a)(1)(A)); reporting can be required for mixtures (e.g., articles) and R&D material only if EPA determines that such reporting is necessary for effective enforcement of TSCA (\$8(a)(1)(B)); reporting is required only to the extent that the information sought is "known or reasonably ascertainable" (\$8(a)(2)); only existing health and safety information must be reported, new data development cannot be required (\$8(a)(2)(E)); reporting rules must specify the level of detail to be reported, including the manner by which exposure and use information may be reported (\$8(a)(4)(B)); to the extent feasible, EPA must not require reporting that is unnecessary (\$8(a)(5)(A)); to the extent feasible, EPA must not require reporting rules to small manufacturers and processors (\$8(a)(5)(B)); and to the extent feasible, EPA must direct any reporting obligations to those likely to have the information relevant to the effective implementation of TSCA (and avoid burdening those that do not) (\$8(a)(5)(C)).



# III. EPA Should Include Reporting Exemptions to Reduce the Anticipated Burdens on Potential Submitters

We respectfully request that EPA narrow the scope of required reporting by revising and reissuing the PFAS reporting rule to explicitly exempt from reporting the following activities described in 40 CFR <sup>3711.10</sup> (a) – (c), (*e.g.*, imported articles, R&D materials, impurities, byproducts, non-isolated intermediates); and PFAS manufactured in quantities of less than 2,500 lbs.

### a. Imported Articles

The burden on article importers to investigate their supply chains to identify products that contain reportable PFAS materials can be extreme. As EPA has acknowledged, in most cases, where articles containing a reportable PFAS are identified, the importer is unlikely to have information of practical utility for EPA's stated TSCA use for the information – assessing new and existing chemicals. Given its typically limited value and high cost, EPA should exempt imported articles from reporting.

Requiring every company that imports the same type of article to make the same kind of investigation, make the same kind of report and provide EPA with the same information is highly duplicative and very costly. Indeed, for many products, EPA may already know that the type of article often contains a PFAS. EPA is required to avoid wasteful and duplicative reporting to the extent feasible. EPA also is required to focus reporting on persons likely to have responsive information.

### b. Certain Chemicals

The TSCA definition of "manufacturer" is very broad. In addition to conventional understandings of manufacturing, it also includes both import activity and a wide range of other activities that technically result in a chemical reaction but that are only incidental to other activities, de minimis in scope or otherwise occur in circumstances not warranting EPA oversight. Consistent with the limitations in §8 and the "reasonable and prudent manner" in which EPA shall implement TSCA<sup>10</sup>, EPA should exempt from PFAS reporting PFAS that is manufactured or imported, intentionally or unintentionally, only:

- as an impurity
- as a byproduct
- as an R&D material; and
- as a non-isolated intermediate

The PFAS reporting requirement put EPA and industry in the same unfortunate position recently experienced with the TSCA Fees Rule. There, EPA initially failed to recognize the unintentionally broad reach of its rule and the practical impact of not adopting standard TSCA exemptions (including for articles). It ultimately used enforcement discretion (a "No Action Assurance" letter) as short term,

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{10}{10}$  TSCA section 2(c).



emergency means to limit applicability, which otherwise would have drawn millions of (unintended) individual responses. EPA also recognized the practical inability of downstream users and importers to identify the presence (or not) of particular chemicals in articles they import. EPA concluded that these issues would "adversely impact[] the agency's implementation of the TSCA Fees Rule."<sup>11</sup>

c. Small Volumes

An annual production volume threshold would serve as an effective screening tool for companies reviewing operations and investigating for the presence of potentially reportable PFAS. For the CDR program, this level is set at 2,500 lbs. (for substances subject to some form of risk management action). Exemption at this level represents a reasonable balance between the limited value of information to be obtained and the costs of obtaining it.

Finally, as part of the PFAS reporting rule, manufactures must also submit "all existing information concerning the environmental and health effects' of the chemical substance covered by the [PFAS] rule."<sup>12</sup> This information includes fully study reports and support documents, which EPA claims are "necessary for EPA to understand the full context and evaluate the quality of the data, which is necessary for the Agency to review to determine whether such data *may be used for any future Agency actions*."<sup>13</sup> Given the burden on industry to painstakingly review and sanitize study reports to remove CBI, and the speculative nature of the actual need for full study reports, we also request that EPA remove this requirement, and instead allow robust summaries, similar to the approach adopted by the European Chemicals Agency ("ECHA").

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Appendix A

cc: Chad McIntosh, Acting Deputy Administrator Travis Voyles, Assistant Deputy Administrator Nancy Beck, Principal Deputy Administrator Lynn Dekleva, Deputy Assistant Administrator

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See EPA "No Action Assurance Regarding Self-Identification Requirement for Certain 'Manufacturers' Subject to the TSCA Fees Rule" Letter, March 24, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 88 Fed. Reg. 70516, 70523 (October 11, 2023).

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{13}{13}$  Id. at 70524. (emphasis added).

### PART 705—REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

### Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2607(a)(7).

Source: 88 FR 70548, Oct. 11, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

### § 705.1 Scope, compliance, and enforcement.

(a) This part specifies reporting and recordkeeping procedures for manufacturers (including importers) of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (hereafter referred to as PFAS) under section 8(a)(7) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

(b) TSCA section 15(3) makes it unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to submit information required under this part. In addition, TSCA section 15(3) makes it unlawful for any person to fail to keep, and permit access to, records required by this part. TSCA section 16 provides that any person who violates a provision of TSCA section 15 is liable to the United States for a civil penalty and may be criminally prosecuted. Pursuant to TSCA section 17, the Federal Government may seek judicial relief to compel submission of TSCA section 8(a) information and to otherwise restrain any violation of TSCA section 15. TSCA section 11 allows for inspections to assure compliance, and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Administrator may by subpoena require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of reports, papers, documents, answers to questions, and other information that the Administrator deems necessary.

(c) Each person who reports under this part must maintain records that document information reported under this part and, in accordance with TSCA, permit access to, and the copying of, such records by EPA officials.

### § 705.3 Definitions.

The definitions in this section and the definitions in TSCA section 3 apply to this part. In addition, the definitions in <u>40 CFR 704.3</u> also apply to this part, except the definition for *small quantities solely for research and development.* 

Article means a manufactured item which:

(1) Is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture;

(2) Has end use function(s) depending in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and

(3) Has either no change of chemical composition during its end use or only those changes of composition which have no commercial purpose separate from that of the article, and that result from a chemical reaction that occurs upon end use of other chemical substances, mixtures, or articles; except that fluids and particles are not considered articles regardless of shape or design.

*Central Data Exchange* or *CDX* means EPA's centralized electronic submission receiving system.

*Chemical Information Submission System* or *CISS* means EPA's electronic, web-based reporting tool for the completion and submission of data, reports, and other information, or its successors.

*Commercial use* means the use of a chemical substance or a mixture containing a chemical substance (including as part of an article) in a commercial enterprise providing saleable goods or services.

*Consumer use* means the use of a chemical substance or a mixture containing a chemical substance (including as part of an article) when sold to or made available to consumers for their use.

*Environmental or health effects information* means any information of any effect of a chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance on health or the environment or on both. This includes all health and safety studies.

(1) Not only is information that arises as a result of a formal, disciplined study included, but other information relating to the effects of a chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance on health or the environment is also included. Any information that bears on the effects of a chemical substance on health or the environment would be included.

(2) Examples are:

(i) Long- and short-term tests of mutagenicity, carcinogenicity, or teratogenicity; data on behavioral disorders; dermatoxicity; pharmacological effects; mammalian absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion; cumulative, additive, and synergistic effects; and acute, subchronic, and chronic effects.

(ii) Tests for ecological or other environmental effects on invertebrates, fish, or other animals, and plants, including acute toxicity tests, chronic toxicity tests, critical life-stage tests, behavioral tests, algal growth tests, seed germination tests, plant growth or damage tests, microbial function tests, bioconcentration or bioaccumulation tests, and model ecosystem (microcosm) studies.

(iii) Assessments of human and environmental exposure, including workplace exposure, and impacts of a particular chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance on the environment, including surveys, tests, and studies of: Biological, photochemical, and chemical degradation; structure/activity relationships; air, water, and soil transport; biomagnification and bioconcentration; and chemical and physical properties, *e.g.*, boiling point, vapor pressure, evaporation rates from soil and water, octanol/water partition coefficient, and water solubility.

(iv) Monitoring data, including but not limited to when they have been aggregated and analyzed to measure the exposure of humans or the environment to a chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance.

*Health and safety studies* means any study of any effect of a chemical substance or mixture on health or the environment or on both, including underlying information and epidemiological studies, studies of occupational exposure to a chemical substance or mixture, toxicological, clinical, and ecological studies of a chemicals substance or mixture containing a chemical substance, and any test performed under TSCA. The following information is not part of a health and safety study:

(1) The name, address, or other identifying information for the submitting company, including identification of the laboratory that conducted the study in cases where the laboratory is part of or closely affiliated with the submitting company;

(2) Internal product codes (*i.e.*, code names for the test substance used internally by the submitting company or to identify the test substance to the test laboratory);

(3) Names and contact details for testing laboratory personnel and names and other private information for health and safety study participants or persons involved in chemical incidents such as would typically be withheld under <u>5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)</u> or under other privacy laws; and

(4) Information pertaining to test substance product development, advertising, or marketing plans, or to cost and other financial data.

*Highest-level U.S. parent company* means the highest-level company of the site's ownership hierarchy as of the start of the submission period during which data are being reported according to the following instructions. The highest-level U.S. parent company is located within the United States. The following rules govern how to identify the highest-level U.S. parent company:

(1) If the site is entirely owned by a single U.S. company that is not owned by another company, that single company is the U.S. parent company.

(2) If the site is entirely owned by a single U.S. company that is, itself, owned by another U.S.based company (*e.g.*, it is a division or subsidiary of a higher-level company), the highest-level domestic company in the ownership hierarchy is the U.S. parent company.

(3) If the site is owned by more than one company (*e.g.*, company A owns 40 percent, company B owns 35 percent, and company C owns 25 percent), the company with the largest ownership interest in the site is the U.S. parent company. If a higher-level company in the ownership hierarchy owns more than one ownership company, then determine the entity with the largest ownership by considering the lower-level ownerships in combination (*e.g.*, corporation X owns companies B and C, for a total ownership of 60 percent for the site).

(4) If the site is owned by a 50:50 joint venture or a cooperative, the joint venture or cooperative is its own parent company. If the site is owned by a U.S. joint venture or cooperative, the highest level of the joint venture or cooperative is the U.S. parent company.

(5) If the site is federally owned, the highest-level Federal agency or department is the U.S. parent company.

(6) If the site is owned by a non-Federal public entity, that entity (such as a municipality, State, or tribe) is the U.S. parent company.

*Industrial function* means the intended physical or chemical characteristic for which a chemical substance or mixture is consumed as a reactant; incorporated into a formulation, mixture, reaction product or article; repackaged; or used.

*Industrial use* means use at a site at which one or more chemical substances or mixtures are manufactured (including imported) or processed.

Intended for use by children means the chemical substance or mixture is used in or on a product that is specifically intended for use by children aged 14 or younger. A chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance is intended for use by children when the submitter answers "yes" to at least one of the following questions for the product into which the submitter's chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance is incorporated:

(1) Is the product commonly recognized (*i.e.*, by a reasonable person) as being intended for children aged 14 or younger?

(2) Does the manufacturer of the product state through product labeling or other written materials that the product is intended for or will be used by children aged 14 or younger?

(3) Is the advertising, promotion, or marketing of the product aimed at children aged 14 or younger?

*Known to or reasonably ascertainable by* means all information in a person's possession or control, plus all information that a reasonable person similarly situated might be expected to possess, control, or know.

*Manufacture* means to import into the customs territory of the United States (as defined in general note 2 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (<u>19 U.S.C. 1202</u>)), produce, or manufacture for commercial purposes.

### Manufacture for commercial purposes means:

(1) To import, produce, or manufacture with the purpose of obtaining an immediate or eventual commercial advantage for the manufacturer, and includes among other things, such "manufacture" of any amount of a chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance:

(i) For commercial distribution, including for test marketing; and/or

(ii) For use by the manufacturer, including use for product research and development, or as an intermediate.

(2) Manufacture for commercial purposes also applies to substances that are produced coincidentally during the manufacture, processing, use, or disposal of another substance or mixture containing a chemical substance, including both byproducts that are separated from that other substance or mixture containing a chemical substance and impurities that remain in that substance or mixture containing a chemical substance. Such byproducts and impurities may, or may not, in themselves have commercial value. They are nonetheless produced for the purpose of obtaining a commercial advantage since they are part of the manufacture of a chemical purpose.

*Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances* or *PFAS* means, for the purpose of this part, any chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance that structurally contains at least one of the following three sub-structures:

(1)  $R-(CF_2)-CF(R')R''$ , where both the  $CF_2$  and CF moieties are saturated carbons.

- (2)  $R-CF_2OCF_2-R'$ , where R and R' can either be F, O, or saturated carbons.
- (3)  $CF_3C(CF_3)R'R''$ , where R' and R'' can either be F or saturated carbons.

*Possession or control* means in possession or control of the submitter, or of any subsidiary, partnership in which the submitter is a general partner, parent company, or any company or partnership which the parent company owns or controls, if the subsidiary, parent company, or other company or partnership is associated with the submitter in the research, development, test marketing, or commercial marketing of the chemical substance in question. (A parent company owns or controls another company if the parent owns or controls 50 percent or more of the other company's voting stock. A parent company owns or controls any partnership in which it is a general partner.) Information is included within this definition if it is:

(1) In files maintained by submitter's employees who are:

(i) Associated with research, development, test marketing, or commercial marketing of the chemical substance in question; and/or

(ii) Reasonably likely to have such data.

(2) Maintained in the files of other agents of the submitter who are associated with research, development, test marketing, or commercial marketing of the chemical substance in question in the course of their employment as such agents.

*Research and development (R&D)* means activities intended solely as scientific experimentation, research, or analysis. R&D focuses on the analysis of the chemical or physical characteristics, the performance, or the production characteristics of a chemical substance, a mixture containing the substance, or an article. R&D encompasses a wide range of activities which may occur in a laboratory, pilot plant, commercial plant outside the research facility, or at other sites appropriate for R&D. General distribution of chemical substances to consumers does not constitute R&D.

*Site-limited* means a chemical substance is manufactured and processed only within a site and is not distributed as a chemical substance or as part of a mixture or article containing a chemical substance outside the site. Imported chemical substances are never site-limited.

*Worker* means someone at a site of manufacture, import, or processing who performs work activities near sources of a chemical substance or mixture or directly handles the chemical substance or mixture during the performance of work activities.

### § 705.5 Substances for which reports must be submitted.

The requirements of this part apply to all chemical substances and mixtures containing a chemical substance (not including imported articles) that are a PFAS, consistent with the definition of PFAS at § 705.3 with the exception of the substances subject to the activities specified at §705.12.

### § 705.10 Persons who must report.

Persons who have manufactured for commercial purposes a chemical substance identified in § 705.5 at any period from January 1, 2011, through the end of the last calendar year prior to November 13, 2023, except as described in § 705.12, is subject to the requirements of this part.

### § 705.12 Activities and substances for which reporting is not required.

Reporting under this part is not required for the import of municipal solid waste streams for the purpose of disposal or destruction of the waste; for a Federal agency which imports PFAS when it is not for any immediate or eventual commercial advantage; for the substances subject to the activities described in 40 CFR §711.10 (a) – (c), (e.g., R&D materials, impurities, byproducts, non-isolated intermediates); and PFAS manufactured in quantities of less than 2,500 lbs.

### § 705.15 What information to report.

For the one-time submission, persons identified in  $\frac{9}{705.10}$  must report to EPA, for each site of each of the chemical substances identified in  $\frac{9}{705.5}$ , the following information to the extent known to or reasonably ascertainable by them, except as allowed under  $\frac{9}{705.18}$ . In the event that actual data is not known to or reasonably ascertainable by the submitter, then reasonable estimates may be submitted:

(a) **Company and plant site information.** The following currently correct company and plant site information must be reported for each site at which a reportable chemical substance is manufactured (see <u>40 CFR 711.3</u> for the "site" for importers):

(1) The highest-level U.S. parent company name, address, and Dun and Bradstreet D-U-N-S<sup>®</sup> (D&B) number, if one exists.

(2) The name of a person who will serve as Authorized Official for the submitter company, and who will be able to sign the certification statement as described in <u>§ 705.30(d)</u>, the Authorized Official's full mailing address, telephone number, and email address.

(3) The name of a person who will serve as technical contact for the submitter company, and who will be able to answer questions about the information submitted by the company to EPA, the contact person's full mailing address, telephone number, and email address.

(4) The name, full street address, and six-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code(s) of the site. A submitter under this part must include the appropriate D&B number for each plant site reported, and the county or parish (or other jurisdictional indicator) in which the plant site is located. A submitter under this part must obtain a D&B number for the site reported if none exists. A submitter under this part must also provide other site identification numbers, including the Facility Registry Service (FRS) identification number, if they exist.

(b) **Chemical-specific information.** The following chemical-specific information must be reported for each chemical substance that is a PFAS manufactured for each year since January 1, 2011<del>, except as allowed under <u>§ 705.18</u></del>. This includes each chemical substance that is a PFAS and incorporated into mixtures:

(1) The common or trade name, the chemical identity, and, except for chemical substances that are Class 1 substances on the TSCA Inventory, the representative molecular structure of each PFAS for which such a report is required.

(i) The specific, currently correct Chemical Abstracts (CA) Index name as used to list the chemical substance on the TSCA Inventory and the correct corresponding Chemical

Abstracts Service Registry Number (CASRN) for each reportable PFAS at each site. Submitters who wish to report chemical substances listed on the confidential portion of the TSCA Inventory will need to report the chemical substance using a TSCA Accession Number. If a submitter has a low-volume exemption (LVE) case number for the chemical substance, that number may also be used if a CASRN is not known to or reasonably ascertainable by the submitter.

(ii) In addition to reporting the number itself, submitters must specify the type of number they are reporting by selecting from among the codes in table 1 to this paragraph (b)(1)(ii).

Code	Number type
A	TSCA Accession Number.
С	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (CASRN).
L	Low-volume exemption (LVE) case number.

(iii) If the CASRN or specific identifier (*i.e.*, Accession Number or LVE number) of the PFAS is not known to or reasonably ascertainable (NKRA) to the submitter (e.g., if the chemical identity is claimed as confidential business information by the submitter's supplier, or if the submitter knows they have a PFAS but are unable to ascertain its specific identifier and/or specific chemical identity), the submitter may provide a generic name or description of the PFAS and also initiate a joint submission if the secondary submitter is known. The submitter may only initiate a joint submission if the CASRN or the specific identifier (*i.e.*, Accession Number or LVE number) is not known or reasonably ascertainable, and a secondary submitter (who would provide such information) is known. The manufacturer (including importer) must use the reporting tool described under § 705.35 to ask the supplier or other entity to provide the chemical identity directly to EPA in a joint submission. Such request must include instructions for submitting chemical identity information electronically, using e-CDRweb and CDX (see 40 CFR 711.35), and for clearly referencing the manufacturer's (including importer) submission. Contact information for the supplier or other entity, a trade name or other designation for the chemical substance, and a copy of the request to the supplier or other entity must be included with the manufacturer's (including importer) submission. If, after conducting due diligence and reviewing known or reasonably ascertainable information, a secondary submitter to complete the joint submission is not known, the reporter may indicate that the secondary submitter is NKRA. However, the PFAS manufacturer would be required to provide as much identifying detail as they have regarding the PFAS identity, and would be able to report to EPA without initiating a joint submission even if they do not know the underlying identity of the chemical substance.

(2) The physical form(s) of the PFAS as it is sent off-site from each site. If the PFAS is site-limited, you must report the physical form(s) of the PFAS at the time it is reacted on-site to produce a

different chemical substance. For each PFAS at each site, the submitter must report as many physical forms as applicable from among the physical forms listed in this unit:

- (i) Dry powder.
- (ii) Pellets or large crystals.
- (iii) Water- or solvent-wet solid.
- (iv) Other solid.
- (v) Gas or vapor.
- (vi) Liquid.

(c) *Categories of use.* For each year since January 1, 2011, report the following information on categories of use of each chemical substance that is a PFAS manufactured for commercial purposes.

(1) *Industrial processing and use information.* A designation indicating the type of industrial processing or use operation(s) at each site that receives a PFAS from the submitter site directly or indirectly (whether the recipient site(s) are controlled by the submitter site or not). For each PFAS, report the letters which correspond to the appropriate processing or use operation(s) listed in table 2 to this <u>paragraph (c)(1)</u>. A particular designation may need to be reported more than once, to the extent that a submitter reports more than one sector that applies to a given designation under this <u>paragraph (c)(1)</u>.

Table 2 to Paragraph (c)(1)—Codes for Reporting Type of Industrial Processing or Use Operation

Designation	Operation
РС	Processing as a reactant.
PF	Processing—incorporation into formulation, mixture, or reaction product.
PA	Processing—incorporation into article.
РК	Processing—repackaging.
U	Use—non-incorporative activities.

(2) **Corresponding sector code.** A code indicating the sector(s) that best describes the industrial activities associated with each industrial processing or use operation reported under this section. For each chemical substance, report the code that corresponds to the appropriate sector(s) listed in table 3 to this <u>paragraph (c)(2)</u>. A particular sector code may need to be reported more than once, to the extent that a submitter reports more than one function code that applies to a given sector code under this <u>paragraph (c)(2)</u>.

Table	3 to Paragraph (c)(2)—Codes for Reporting Industrial Sectors
Code	Sector description
IS1	Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.
IS2	Oil and gas drilling, extraction, and support activities.
IS3	Mining (except oil and gas) and support activities.
IS4	Utilities.
IS5	Construction.
IS6	Food, beverage, and tobacco product manufacturing.
IS7	Textiles, apparel, and leather manufacturing.
IS8	Wood product manufacturing.
IS9	Paper manufacturing.
IS10	Printing and related support activities.
IS11	Petroleum refineries.
IS12	Asphalt paving, roofing, and coating materials manufacturing.
IS13	Petroleum lubricating oil and grease manufacturing.
IS14	All other petroleum and coal products manufacturing.
IS15	Petrochemical manufacturing.
IS16	Industrial gas manufacturing.
IS17	Synthetic dye and pigment manufacturing.
IS18	Carbon black manufacturing.
IS19	All other basic inorganic chemical manufacturing.
IS20	Cyclic crude and intermediate manufacturing.
IS21	All other basic organic chemical manufacturing.
IS22	Plastics material and resin manufacturing.

Table	3 to Paragraph (c)(2)—Codes for Reporting Industrial Sectors
Code	Sector description
IS23	Synthetic rubber manufacturing.
IS24	Organic fiber manufacturing.
IS25	Pesticide, fertilizer, and other agricultural chemical manufacturing.
IS26	Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing.
IS27	Paint and coating manufacturing.
IS28	Adhesive manufacturing.
IS29	Soap, cleaning compound, and toilet preparation manufacturing.
IS30	Printing ink manufacturing.
IS31	Explosives manufacturing.
IS32	Custom compounding of purchased resins.
IS33	Photographic film, paper, plate, and chemical manufacturing.
IS34	All other chemical product and preparation manufacturing.
IS35	Plastics product manufacturing.
IS36	Rubber product manufacturing.
IS37	Non-metallic mineral product manufacturing (includes cement, clay, concrete, glass, gypsum, lime, and other non-metallic mineral product manufacturing).
IS38	Primary metal manufacturing.
IS39	Fabricated metal product manufacturing.
IS40	Machinery manufacturing.
IS41	Computer and electronic product manufacturing.
IS42	Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.
IS43	Transportation equipment manufacturing.
IS44	Furniture and related product manufacturing.

Table 3 to Paragraph (c)(2)—Codes for Reporting Industrial Sectors

Code	Sector description
IS45	Miscellaneous manufacturing.
IS46	Wholesale and retail trade.
IS47	Services.
IS48	Other (requires additional information).

(3) **Corresponding function category.** For each sector reported under <u>paragraph (c)(2)</u> of this section, the applicable code(s) from table 4 to this <u>paragraph (c)(3)</u> must be selected to designate the function category(ies) that best represents the specific manner in which the PFAS is used.

Code	Category
F001	Abrasives.
F002	Etching agent.
F003	Adhesion/cohesion promoter.
F004	Binder.
F005	Flux agent.
F006	Sealant (barrier).
F007	Absorbent.
F008	Adsorbent.
F009	Dehydrating agent (desiccant).
F010	Drier.
F011	Humectant.
F012	Soil amendments (fertilizers).
F013	Anti-adhesive/cohesive.
F014	Dusting agent.

Table 4 to Paragraph (c)(3)—Codes for Reporting Function Categories	
Code	Category
F015	Bleaching agent.
F016	Brightener.
F017	Anti-scaling agent.
F018	Corrosion inhibitor.
F019	Dye.
F020	Fixing agent (mordant).
F021	Hardener.
F022	Filler.
F023	Anti-static agent.
F024	Softener and conditioner.
F025	Swelling agent.
F026	Tanning agents not otherwise specified.
F027	Waterproofing agent.
F028	Wrinkle resisting agent.
F029	Flame retardant.
F030	Fuel agents.
F031	Fuel.
F032	Heat transferring agent.
F033	Hydraulic fluids.
F034	Insulators.
F035	Refrigerants.
F036	Anti-freeze agent.

Table 4 to Paragraph (c)(3)—Codes for Reporting Function Categories	
Code	Category
F037	Intermediate.
F038	Monomers.
F039	Ion exchange agent.
F040	Anti-slip agent.
F041	Lubricating agent.
F042	Deodorizer.
F043	Fragrance.
F044	Oxidizing agent.
F045	Reducing agent.
F046	Photosensitive agent.
F047	Photosensitizers.
F048	Semiconductor and photovoltaic agent.
F049	UV stabilizer.
F050	Opacifer.
F051	Pigment.
F052	Plasticizer.
F053	Plating agent.
F054	Catalyst.
F055	Chain transfer agent.
F056	Chemical reaction regulator.
F057	Crystal growth modifiers (nucleating agents).
F058	Polymerization promoter.

Table 4 to Paragraph (c)(3)—Codes for Reporting Function Categories	
Code	Category
F059	Terminator/Blocker.
F060	Processing aids, specific to petroleum production.
F061	Antioxidant.
F062	Chelating agent.
F063	Defoamer.
F064	pH regulating agent.
F065	Processing aids not otherwise specified.
F066	Energy Releasers (explosives, motive propellant).
F067	Foamant.
F068	Propellants, non-motive (blowing agents).
F069	Cloud-point depressant.
F070	Flocculating agent.
F071	Flotation agent.
F072	Solids separation (precipitating) agent, not otherwise specified.
F073	Cleaning agent.
F074	Diluent.
F075	Solvent.
F076	Surfactant (surface active agent).
F077	Emulsifier.
F078	Thickening agent.
F079	Viscosity modifiers.
F080	Laboratory chemicals.

Table 4 to Paragraph (c)(3)—Codes for Reporting Function Categories	
Code	Category
F081	Dispersing agent.
F082	Freeze-thaw additive.
F083	Surface modifier.
F084	Wetting agent (non-aqueous).
F085	Aerating and deaerating agents.
F086	Explosion inhibitor.
F087	Fire extinguishing agent.
F088	Flavoring and nutrient.
F089	Anti-redeposition agent.
F090	Anti-stain agent.
F091	Anti-streaking agent.
F092	Conductive agent.
F093	Incandescent agent.
F094	Magnetic element.
F095	Anti-condensation agent.
F096	Coalescing agent.
F097	Film former.
F098	Demulsifier.
F099	Stabilizing agent.
F100	Alloys.
F101	Density modifier.
F102	Elasticizer.

	to Paragraph (c)(3)—Codes for Reporting Function Categories
Code	Category
F103	Flow promoter.
F104	Sizing agent.
F105	Solubility enhancer.
F106	Vapor pressure modifiers.
F107	Embalming agent.
F108	Heat stabilizer.
F109	Preservative.
F110	Anti-caking agent.
F111	Deflocculant.
F112	Dust suppressant.
F113	Impregnation agent.
F114	Leaching agent.
F115	Tracer.
F116	X-ray absorber.
F999	Other.

Table 4 to Paragraph (c)(3)—Codes for Reporting Function Categories

(4) **Consumer and commercial use information.** Using the applicable codes listed in table 5 to this paragraph (c)(4), submitters must designate the consumer and commercial product category(ies) that best describe the consumer and commercial products in which each PFAS is used (whether the recipient site(s) are controlled by the submitter site or not). If more than 10 codes apply to a PFAS, submitters need only report the 10 codes for PFAS that cumulatively represent the largest percentage of the submitter's production volume for that chemical, measured by weight. If none of the listed consumer and commercial product categories accurately describes the consumer and commercial products in which each PFAS is used, the category "Other" may be used, and must include a description of the use.

Table 5 to Paragraph (c)(4)—Codes for Reporting Consumer and Commercial Product Categories

Code	Category
Chemi	cal Substances in Furnishing, Cleaning, Treatment Care Products
CC101	Construction and building materials covering large surface areas including stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles; fabrics, textiles, and apparel.
CC102	Furniture & furnishings including plastic articles (soft); leather articles.
CC103	Furniture & furnishings including stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles; metal articles; or rubber articles.
CC104	Leather conditioner.
CC105	Leather tanning, dye, finishing, impregnation and care products.
CC106	Textile (fabric) dyes.
CC107	Textile finishing and impregnating/surface treatment products.
CC108	All-purpose foam spray cleaner.
CC109	All-purpose liquid cleaner/polish.
CC110	All-purpose liquid spray cleaner.
CC111	All-purpose waxes and polishes.
CC112	Appliance cleaners.
CC113	Drain and toilet cleaners (liquid).
	Powder cleaners (floors).
	Powder cleaners (porcelain).
	Dishwashing detergent (liquid/gel).
	Dishwashing detergent (unit dose/granule).
	Dishwashing detergent liquid (hand-wash).
	Dry cleaning and associated products.
CC120	Fabric enhancers.

Code	Category	
	Laundry detergent (unit-dose/granule).	
	Laundry detergent (unit-dose/granule).	
CC122	Laundry detergent (liquid).	
CC123	Stain removers.	
CC124	Ion exchangers.	
CC125	Liquid water treatment products.	
CC126	Solid/Powder water treatment products.	
CC127	Liquid body soap.	
CC128	Liquid hand soap.	
CC129	Solid bar soap.	
CC130	Air fresheners for motor vehicles.	
CC131	Continuous action air fresheners.	
CC132	Instant action air fresheners.	
CC133	Anti-static spray.	
CC134	Apparel finishing, and impregnating/surface treatment products.	
CC135	Insect repellent treatment.	
CC136	Pre-market waxes, stains, and polishes applied to footwear.	
CC137	Post-market waxes, and polishes applied to footwear (shoe polish).	
CC138	Waterproofing and water-resistant sprays.	
Chemical Substances in Construction, Paint, Electrical, and Metal Products		
CC201	Fillers and putties.	
CC202	Hot-melt adhesives.	
CC203	One-component caulks.	

Table 5 to Paragraph (c)(4)—Codes for Reporting Consumer and Commercial Product Categories

Catagory
Category
Solder.
Single-component glues and adhesives.
Two-component caulks.
Two-component glues and adhesives.
Adhesive/Caulk removers.
Aerosol spray paints.
Lacquers, stains, varnishes and floor finishes.
Paint strippers/removers.
Powder coatings.
Radiation curable coatings.
Solvent-based paint.
Thinners.
Water-based paint.
Construction and building materials covering large surface areas, including wood articles.
Construction and building materials covering large surface areas, including paper articles; metal articles; stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles.
Machinery, mechanical appliances, electrical/electronic articles.
Other machinery, mechanical appliances, electronic/electronic articles.
Construction and building materials covering large surface areas, including metal articles.
Electrical batteries and accumulators.
cal Substances in Packaging, Paper, Plastic, Toys, Hobby Products
Non-TSCA use.
Packaging (excluding food packaging), including paper articles.

Table 5 to Paragraph (c)(4)—Codes for Reporting Consumer and Commercial Product Categories

Table 5 to Paragraph (c)(4)—Codes for	Reporting Consumer and	Commercial Product Categories
	Reporting consumer and	commercial router categories

Code	Category		
CC302	Other articles with routine direct contact during normal use, including paper articles.		
CC303	Packaging (excluding food packaging), including rubber articles; plastic articles (hard); plastic articles (soft).		
CC304	Other articles with routine direct contact during normal use including rubber articles; plastic articles (hard).		
CC305	Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles), including fabrics, textiles, and apparel; or plastic articles (hard).		
CC306	Adhesives applied at elevated temperatures.		
CC307	Cement/concrete.		
CC308	Crafting glue.		
CC309	Crafting paint (applied to body).		
CC310	Crafting paint (applied to craft).		
CC311	Fixatives and finishing spray coatings.		
CC312	Modelling clay.		
CC313	Correction fluid/tape.		
CC314	Inks in writing equipment (liquid).		
CC315	Inks used for stamps.		
CC316	Toner/Printer cartridge.		
CC317	Liquid photographic processing solutions.		
Chemi	Chemical Substances in Automotive, Fuel, Agriculture, Outdoor Use Products		
CC401	Exterior car washes and soaps.		
CC402	Exterior car waxes, polishes, and coatings.		
CC403	Interior car care.		
CC404	Touch up auto paint.		

Code	Category	
CC405	Degreasers.	
CC406	Liquid lubricants and greases.	
CC407	Paste lubricants and greases.	
CC408	Spray lubricants and greases.	
CC409	Anti-freeze liquids.	
CC410	De-icing liquids.	
CC411	De-icing solids.	
CC412	Lock de-icers/releasers.	
CC413	Cooking and heating fuels.	
CC414	Fuel additives.	
CC415	Vehicular or appliance fuels.	
CC416	Explosive materials.	
CC417	Agricultural non-pesticidal products.	
CC418	Lawn and garden care products.	
Chemi	Chemical Substances in Products Not Described by Other Codes	
CC980	Other (specify).	
CC990	Non-TSCA use.	

Table 5 to Paragraph (c)(4)—Codes for Reporting Consumer and Commercial Product Categories

(5) **Applicable codes for each commercial and consumer products.** For each consumer and commercial product category reported under <u>paragraph (c)(4)</u> of this section, the applicable code(s) described in table 4 to <u>paragraph (c)(3)</u> of this section must be selected to designate the function category(ies) that best represents the specific manner in which the PFAS is used.

(6) **Commercial and consumer products.** Submitters must indicate, for each consumer and commercial product category reported under <u>paragraph (c)(4)</u> of this section, whether the use is a consumer or a commercial use, or both.

(7) **Consumer product category.** Submitters must determine, within each consumer and commercial product category reported under <u>paragraph (c)(4)</u> of this section, whether any

amount of each reportable chemical substance manufactured (including imported) by the submitter is present in (for example, a plasticizer chemical substance used to make pacifiers) or on (for example, as a component in the paint on a toy) any consumer products intended for use by children age 14 or younger, regardless of the concentration of the chemical substance remaining in or on the product. Submitters must select from the following options: The chemical substance is used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; the chemical substance is not used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; or information as to whether the chemical substance is used in or on any consumer products is used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; or information as to whether the chemical substance is used in or on any consumer products intended for use by the submitter.

(8) **Concentrations of PFAS.** For each year where the PFAS is used in consumer or commercial products, the estimated typical maximum concentration, measured by weight, of the chemical substance in each consumer and commercial product category reported under <u>paragraph (c)(4)</u> of this section. For each PFAS in each commercial and consumer product category reported under <u>paragraph (c)(4)</u> of this section, submitters must select from among the ranges of concentrations listed in table 6 to this <u>paragraph (c)(8)</u> and report the corresponding code (*i.e.*, M1 through M5):

Code	Concentration range (% weight)	
M1	Less than 1% by weight.	
M2	At least 1 but less than 30% by weight.	
M3	At least 30 but less than 60% by weight.	
M4	At least 60 but less than 90% by weight.	
M5	At least 90% by weight.	

Table 6 to Paragraph (c)(8)—Codes for Reporting Maximum Concentration of Chemical Substance

(d) *Manufactured amounts.* For each year since January 1, 2011, the total amounts manufactured of each PFAS, including the amounts manufactured in each calendar year for each category of use as described in paragraph (c) of this section.

(1) **Total volume.** For each year the PFAS was manufactured, the total annual volume (in pounds) of each PFAS domestically manufactured or imported at each site. The total annual domestically manufactured volume (not including imported volume) and the total annual imported volume must be separately reported. These amounts must be reported to two significant figures of accuracy.

(2) *Site designation.* A designation indicating, for each PFAS at each site, whether the imported PFAS is physically present at the reporting site.

(3) **Volume imported.** The volume directly exported of each PFAS domestically manufactured or imported at each site. These amounts must be reported to two significant figures of accuracy.

(4) **Production volume.** The estimated percentage, rounded off to the closest 10 percent, of total production volume of the reportable chemical substance associated with each combination of industrial processing or use operation, sector, and function category as reported in <u>paragraph (c)</u> of this section. Where a particular combination of industrial processing or use operation, sector, and function category accounts for less than 5 percent of the submitter's site's total production volume of a reportable chemical substance, the percentage must not be rounded off to 0 percent. Instead, in such a case, submitters must report the percentage, rounded off to the closest 1 percent, of the submitter's site's total production volume of the reportable chemical substance associated with the particular combination of industrial processing or use operation, sector, sector, and function category.

(5) *Site production volume.* The estimated percentage, rounded off to the closest 10 percent, of the submitter's site's total production volume of the PFAS associated with each consumer and commercial product category as reported in <u>paragraph (c)(4)</u> of this section. Where a particular consumer and commercial product category accounts for less than 5 percent of the total production volume of a reportable chemical substance, the percentage must not be rounded off to 0 percent. Instead, in such a case, submitters must report the percentage, rounded off to the closest 1 percent, of the submitter's site's total production volume of the reportable chemical substance associated with the particular consumer and commercial product category.

(6) *Site-limited.* An indication of whether the PFAS was site-limited.

(7) *Volume recycled.* The total volume (in pounds) of each PFAS recycled on-site.

(e) **Byproduct reporting.** A description of the byproducts resulting from the manufacture, processing, use, or disposal of each PFAS.

(1) **Byproduct identification.** For each byproduct produced from the manufacture, processing, use, or disposal of a PFAS, the submitter will identify the byproduct by its specific, currently correct CA Index name as used to list the chemical substance on the TSCA Inventory and the correct corresponding CASRN. A submitter under this part may use a known EPA-designated TSCA Accession Number for a chemical substance in lieu of a CASRN when a CASRN is not known to or reasonably ascertainable by the submitter. Submitters who wish to report chemical substances listed on the confidential portion of the TSCA Inventory will need to report the chemical substance using a TSCA Accession Number.

(i) In addition to reporting the number itself, submitters must specify the type of number they are reporting by selecting from among the codes in table 1 to paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section.

(ii) If the specific chemical identity of the byproduct is unknown to the submitter, the submitter may provide a description of the chemical substance.

(iii) An indication of which specific PFAS activity(ies) (*i.e.,* manufacture, process, use, or disposal) manufactured the byproduct.

(2) **Releases.** An indication of whether the byproduct is released to the environment, and if so, the environmental medium to which it is released (*i.e.*, air, water, land).

(3) Volume. For each year, the byproduct volume (in pounds) released to the environment.

(<u>e</u>f) *Environmental and health effects.* All existing information concerning the environmental and health effects of such substance or mixture containing a chemical substance in the manufacturer's possession or control. The scope of this information shall not be limited to studies conducted or published since 2011.

(1) **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Harmonized Templates.** For each unpublished study report, the submitter shall complete an OECD Harmonized Templates for Reporting Chemical Test Summaries and submit <u>a robust summary of each the</u> accompanying study reports and supporting information. This can be accomplished by using the freely available IUCLID software. <u>A full study report need only be submitted in the event an</u> <u>OECD Harmonized Template does not exist for that type of study.</u>

(2) *Human health data—preliminary studies.* Submitters shall also provide any additional human health data not in study reports, including but not limited to any preliminary studies, informal test results in workers, or inhalation studies.

(3) *Analytical tests.* Submitters shall also provide the names of any analytical or test methods used to detect or otherwise test for the PFAS.

(fg) *Worker exposure data.* The number of individuals exposed to PFAS in their places of employment and the duration of such exposure.

(1) *Employment activities.* A narrative description of worker activities involving the PFAS at the manufacturing site, such as bag dumping, sampling, cleaning, or unloading drums.

(2) **Number of workers.** For each worker activity in this paragraph, indicate the number of workers reasonably likely to be exposed. The submitter must select from among the worker ranges listed in table 7 to this <u>paragraph (fg)(2)</u> and report the corresponding code (*i.e.*, W1 though W8).

Table 7 to Paragraph (gf)(2)—Codes for Reporting Number of Workers Reasonably Likely To Be Exposed

Code	Range
W1	Fewer than 10 workers.
W2	At least 10 but fewer than 25 workers.
W3	At least 25 but fewer than 50 workers.
W4	At least 50 but fewer than 100 workers.
W5	At least 100 but fewer than 500 workers.
W6	At least 500 but fewer than 1,000 workers.
W7	At least 1,000 but fewer than 10,000 workers.

Table 7 to Paragraph (gf)(2)—Codes for Reporting Number of Workers Reasonably Likely To Be Exposed

Code	Range
W8	At least 10,000 workers.

(3) **Exposure scenarios.** For each worker activity in this paragraph (fg), the maximum duration of exposure for any worker at the manufacturing site, for each of the following scenarios:

(i) The daily exposure duration (in hours per day) in the case of the worker with greatest annual exposure frequency (*i.e.*, the worker exposed the most days per year); and

(ii) The annual exposure frequency (in days per year) in the case of the worker with greatest daily exposure duration (*i.e.*, the worker exposed for the most hours per day during the year).

(4) **Exposure by category.** For each combination of industrial processing or use operation, sector, and function category identified in <u>paragraph (c)</u> of this section, the submitter must estimate the number of workers reasonably likely to be exposed to each PFAS. For each combination associated with each chemical substance, the submitter must select from among the worker ranges listed in table 7 to <u>paragraph (fg)(2)</u> of this section and report the corresponding code (*i.e.*, W1 though W8).

(5) *Duration of exposure industrial use.* For each PFAS, the maximum duration of exposure for any worker for each combination of industrial processing or use operation, sector, and function category, for each of the following scenarios:

(i) The daily exposure duration (in hours per day) in the case of the worker with the greatest annual exposure frequency (*i.e.*, the worker exposed the most days per year); and

(ii) The annual exposure frequency (in days per year) in the case of the worker with the greatest daily exposure duration (*i.e.*, the worker exposed for the most hours per day during the year).

(6) **Commercial workers.** Where the PFAS is used in a commercial product, the submitter must estimate the number of commercial workers reasonably likely to be exposed to each reportable chemical substance. For each commercial use associated with each substance, the submitter must select from among the worker ranges listed in table 7 to <u>paragraph (fg)(2)</u> of this section and report the corresponding code (*i.e.*, W1 though W8).

(7) **Duration of exposure commercial use.** For each PFAS, the maximum duration of exposure for any worker for each commercial use, for each of the following scenarios:

(i) The daily exposure duration (in hours per day) in the case of the worker with greatest annual exposure frequency (*i.e.*, the worker exposed the most days per year); and

(ii) The annual exposure frequency (in days per year) in the case of the worker with greatest daily exposure duration (*i.e.*, the worker exposed for the most hours per day during the year).

(gh) **Disposal data.** During the years in which the PFAS was manufactured, the manners or methods of its disposal, and any changes to the disposal methods or processes.

(1) **Categories of disposal methods.** Description of disposal processes or methods, using the appropriate codes in table 8 to this paragraph (gh)(1), and additional descriptions as needed.

Code Disposal method On-site land disposal: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Class C landfill D1 (hazardous). D2 On-site land disposal: other landfill. D3 Other on-site land disposal. D4 On-site underground injection (UIC). D5 Off-site land disposal: RCRA Class C landfill (hazardous). D6 Off-site land disposal: other landfill. D7 On-site incineration. Off-site incineration. D8 D9 Publicly owned treatment works (POTW). Other off-site waste transfer. D10 Release to surface water. D11 D12 Release to air (stack emissions). D13 Release to air (fugitive emissions). D99 Other.

Table 8 to Paragraph (gh)(1)—Codes for Reporting Disposal Methods

(2) **Disposal processes.** Describe any changes to the disposal process(es) or method(s) indicated in paragraph (gh)(1) of this section for any PFAS manufactured since 2011.

(3) *Disposal volume*. Indicate total volume of the PFAS that was released to each environmental medium in each year since 2011: land, water, and air.

(4) *Incineration volume.* Indicate total volume of the PFAS that was incinerated on-site in each year since 2011. If incineration occurred, indicate the temperature (in degrees Celsius) at which the PFAS was incinerated. If incineration occurred at multiple temperatures, indicate the minimum temperature (in degrees Celsius) at which the PFAS was incinerated.

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#### § 705.18 Article importer and R&D substance reporting options.

For the one-time submission, certain manufacturers have the option to use a streamlined reporting form if they do not know nor can reasonably ascertain information requested under <u>§</u> 705.15, beyond what is listed in this part. Paragraph (a) of this section lists the information which a manufacturer who has imported a PFAS within an article must report to the extent they know or can reasonably ascertain. Paragraph (b) of this section lists the information that manufacturers of PFAS that are solely R&D substances manufactured in volumes no greater than 10 kilograms per year must report to the extent they know or can reasonably ascertain.

(a) **Article reporting.** Any importer of an article which contains a chemical substance that is a PFAS and who meets the reporting requirements described in § 705.10 has the option to submit information to EPA using a streamlined reporting form for that PFAS in the imported article, for each year since January 1, 2011, in which the PFAS was imported in an article. Information must be submitted to the extent the submitter knows or can reasonably ascertain. In the event that actual data is not known to or reasonably ascertainable by the submitter, then reasonable estimates may be submitted. The information requested on the streamlined reporting form for article importers includes:

(1) **Company and plant site information.** All company and plant site information requested under § 705.15(a) shall be reported.

(2) **Chemical specific information.** The following chemical specific information must be reported for each chemical substance that is a PFAS imported in an article, for each year since January 1, 2011, in which that PFAS was imported within an article.

(i) The common or trade name, the chemical identity, and, except for chemical substances that are Class 1 substances on the TSCA Inventory (Inventory), the representative molecular structure of each PFAS for which such a report is required. Submitters who wish to report chemical substances listed on the confidential portion of the Inventory will need to report the chemical substance using a TSCA Accession Number. If a submitter has a low volume exemption (LVE) case number for the chemical substance, that number may also be used if a CASRN is not known to or reasonably ascertainable by the submitter. In addition to reporting the number itself, submitters must specify the type of number they are reporting by selecting from among the codes in table 1 to § 705.15(b)(1)(ii).

(ii) If the specific chemical identity of the PFAS imported in an article is not known to or reasonably ascertainable to the submitter (*e.g.,* if the chemical identity is claimed as confidential business information by the submitter's supplier, or if the submitter knows they have a PFAS but is unable to ascertain its specific chemical identity), the submitter may provide a generic name or description of the PFAS.

(3) **Categories of use.** For each year since January 1, 2011, report the following information on categories of use of each PFAS imported in an article.

(i) **Industrial processing and use information.** A designation indicating the type of industrial processing or use operation(s) at each site that receives a PFAS from the submitter site directly or indirectly (whether the recipient site(s) are controlled by the submitter site or not). For each PFAS that was imported in an article, report the letters which correspond to the appropriate processing or use operation(s) listed in table 2 to § 705.15(c)(1). A particular designation may need to be reported more than once, to the extent that a submitter reports more than one sector that applies to a given designation under this paragraph (a)(3)(i).

(ii) *Industrial activities sector.* A code indicating the sector(s) that best describe the industrial activities associated with each industrial processing or use operation reported under this section. For each PFAS that was imported in an article, report the code that corresponds to the appropriate sector(s) listed in table 3 to  $\frac{5705.15(c)(2)}{2}$ . A particular sector code may need to be reported more than once, to the extent that a submitter reports more than one function code that applies to a given sector code under this  $\frac{paragraph}{a}(a)(3)(ii)$ .

(iii) **Sector specific function categories.** For each sector reported under <u>paragraph</u> (a)(3)(ii) of this section, the applicable code(s) from table 4 to <u>§ 705.15(c)(3)</u> must be selected to designate the function category(ies) that best represents the specific manner in which the PFAS in the imported article is used.

(iv) **Consumer and commercial use information.** Using the applicable codes listed in table 5 to § 705.15(c)(4), submitters must designate the consumer and commercial product category(ies) that best describe the consumer and commercial products in which each PFAS that is in an imported article is used (whether the recipient site(s) are controlled by the submitter site or not). If more than 10 codes apply to a PFAS in an imported article, submitters need only report the 10 codes for PFAS that cumulatively represent the largest percentage of the submitter's production volume for that chemical, measured by weight. If none of the listed consumer and commercial product categories accurately describe the consumer and commercial products in which each PFAS is used, the category "Other" may be used, and must include a description of the use.

(v) **Product specific function categories.** For each consumer and commercial product category reported under paragraph (a)(3)(iv) of this section, the applicable code(s) described in table 4 to § 705.15(c)(3) must be selected to designate the function category(ies) that best represents the specific manner in which the PFAS in an imported article is used.

(vi) **Consumer or commercial use designation.** Submitters must indicate, for each consumer and commercial product category reported under <u>paragraph (a)(3)(v)</u> of this section, whether the use is a consumer or a commercial use, or both.

(vii) *In or on consumer products intended for children.* Submitters must determine, within each consumer and commercial product category reported under <u>paragraph</u> (<u>a)(3)(v)</u> of this section, whether any amount of each reportable chemical substance manufactured (including imported) by the submitter is present in (for example, a plasticizer chemical substance used to make pacifiers) or on (for example, as a component in the paint on a toy) any consumer products intended for use by children age 14 or younger, regardless of the concentration of the chemical substance remaining in or on the product. Submitters must select from the following options: The chemical substance is used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; the chemical substance is not used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; the chemical substance is not used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; the chemical substance is not used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; the chemical substance is not used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; the chemical substance is used in or on any consumer products intended for use by children; the submitter, or information as to whether the chemical substance is used in or on any consumer products by the submitter.

(viii) **Estimated maximum concentration.** For each year where the PFAS in an imported article is used in consumer or commercial products, the submitter must report the estimated typical maximum concentration, measured by weight, of the chemical substance in each consumer and commercial product category reported under paragraph (a)(3)(v) of this section. For each PFAS in an imported article in each commercial and consumer product category reported under paragraph (a)(3)(v) of this section, submitters must select from among the ranges of concentrations listed in table 1 to this paragraph (a)(3)(viii) and report the corresponding code (*i.e.,* AM1 through AM5):

Code	Concentration range <del>(% weight)</del>
A <del>M1</del>	Less than 0.1% by weight.
A <del>M2</del>	At least 0.1% but less than 1% by weight.
A <del>M3</del>	At least 1% but less than 10% by weight.
AM4	At least 10% but less than 30% by weight.
AM5	At least 30% by weight.

Table 1 to Paragraph (a)(3)(viii)—Codes for Reporting Maximum Concentration of PFAS in an Imported Article

(4) **Imported article production volume.** For each calendar year since January 1, 2011, in which the PFAS was imported in an article, the production volume of the imported article. The imported production volume must be reported to two significant figures of accuracy. The submitter must also provide the unit of measurement of the imported production volume by selecting among the table 2 to this <u>paragraph (a)(4)</u>. The

submitter must also designate, for each PFAS imported in an article, whether the imported PFAS was ever physically present at the reporting site.

Table 2 to Paragraph (a)(4)—Codes To Specify Unit of Measurement for the Imported Article Production Volume

Code	Unit of measurement
LB.	Pounds.
TN	<del>Tons.</del>
<del>QT</del>	Quantity of imported article.
θ	Other (must specify).

(5) **Additional article data.** The submitter has the option to provide any additional information to EPA that is requested under <u>§ 705.15</u> on the PFAS imported in an article, including supplemental attachments.

(b) **Research and development (R&D).** Any manufacturer of a PFAS R&D substance that was manufactured in volumes no greater than 10 kilograms per year and who meets the reporting requirements described in <u>§ 705.10</u> has the option to submit information to EPA using a streamlined reporting form for each such PFAS, for each year since January 1, 2011, in which the PFAS was manufactured for R&D purposes in volumes no greater than 10 kilograms per year. Information must be submitted to the extent the submitter knows or can reasonably ascertain. In the event that actual data is not known to or reasonably ascertainable by the submitter, then reasonable estimates may be submitted. The information requested on the streamlined reporting form for R&D manufacturers includes:

(1) *Company and plant site information.* All company and plant site information requested under § 705.15(a) shall be reported.

(2) **Chemical specific information.** The following chemical specific information must be reported for each R&D chemical substance that is a PFAS and each mixture containing a chemical substance that is a PFAS and meets the requirements for the reporting option under this <u>paragraph (b)(2)</u>. The information must be reported for each year since January 1, 2011, in which that PFAS was manufactured for R&D purposes in quantities no greater than 10 kilograms per year.

(i) The common or trade name, the chemical identity, and, except for chemical substances that are Class 1 substances on the TSCA Inventory, the representative molecular structure of each PFAS for which such a report is required. Submitters who wish to report chemical substances listed on the confidential portion of the TSCA Inventory will need to report the chemical substance using a TSCA Accession Number. If a submitter has a low-volume exemption (LVE) case number for the chemical substance, that number may also be used if a CASRN is not known to or reasonably ascertainable by

the submitter. In addition to reporting the number itself, submitters must specify the type of number they are reporting by selecting from among the codes in table 1 to  $\frac{5}{705.15(b)(1)(ii)}$ .

(ii) If the specific chemical identity of the PFAS is not known to or reasonably ascertainable to the submitter (*e.g.,* if the chemical identity is claimed as confidential business information by the submitter's supplier, or if the submitter knows they have a PFAS but are unable to ascertain its specific chemical identity), the submitter may provide a generic name or description of the PFAS.

(3) **Production volume.** The submitter must report for each year since January 1, 2011, in which the PFAS was manufactured, the total annual volume (in pounds) of each PFAS domestically manufactured or imported at each site. The total annual domestically manufactured volume (not including imported volume) and the total annual imported volume must be separately reported. These amounts must be reported to two significant figures of accuracy.

(i) A designation indicating, for each PFAS at each site, whether any imported PFAS is ever physically present at the reporting site.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) **Additional R&D data.** The submitter has the option to provide any additional information to EPA that is requested under <u>§ 705.15</u> on the PFAS, including supplemental attachments.

### § 705.20 When to report.

All information reported to EPA in response to the requirements of this part must be submitted during the applicable submission period. For all reporters submitting information pursuant to  $\frac{\$}{705.15}$  and  $\frac{705.18(b)}{705.18(b)}$  (research and development), the submission period shall begin on [\_\_\_]July 11, 2025, and last for six months: July 11, 2025, through January 11, 2026. For any reporter who is reporting under this part exclusively pursuant to  $\frac{\$}{705.18(a)}$  (article importers), and is also considered a small manufacturer under the definition at 40 CFR 704.3, the submission period shall begin on July 11, 2025, and last for 12 months: July 11, 2025, through July 11, 2026.

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### § 705.22 Duplicative reporting.

Any person covered in this part may notify EPA through the electronic reporting system in § 705.35 that certain information has already been submitted to EPA, and any such person does not need to re-submit the information. The notification must include the statutory and regulatory provision under which the information was submitted and in which year it was submitted. This ability is limited to the type of information listed in this section. If the previous submission did not account for all information required to be submitted pursuant to this part (*e.g.*, due to exemptions inapplicable to this part), then the person may not rely on that prior submission to satisfy the reporting requirements of this part.

(a) *Chemical Data Reporting rule.* If a person identified in <u>§ 705.10</u> has already reported certain information in <u>§ 705.15</u> to EPA pursuant to the Chemical Data Reporting rule at <u>40 CFR part 711</u>, then duplicative reporting of that information is not required of the years for which the information has already been reported. Such information that may potentially be duplicative under this part is limited to:

(1) **Chemical description.** Physical state of the chemical or mixture containing a chemical substance, pursuant to <u>40 CFR 711.15(b)(3)(C)(ix)</u>.

(2) **Sector description.** Industrial processing and use type, sector(s), functional category(ies), and percent of production volume for each use, pursuant to 40 CFR 711.15(b)(4)(i)(A) through (D).

(3) **Product category.** Consumer and/or commercial indicator, product category(ies), functional category(ies), percent of production volume for each use, indicator for use in products intended for children, and maximum concentration in the product, pursuant to <u>40 CFR 711.15(b)(4)(ii)(A)</u> through (F).

(4) **Workers.** Number of workers reasonably likely to be exposed for each combination of industrial processing or use operation, sector, and function, pursuant to 40 CFR<u>711.15(b)(4)(i)(F)</u>, and the number of commercial workers reasonably likely to be exposed when the substance is used in a commercial product, pursuant to <u>40 CFR 711.15(b)(4)(ii)(G)</u>.

(5) **Volume.** Production volume, both domestically manufactured and imported, an indicator for the imported chemical never physically at site, and the volume directly exported, pursuant to  $\underline{40}$  <u>CFR 711.15(b)(3)(iii)</u> through (v).

(b) *Greenhouse Gas Reporting rule.* If a person identified in <u>§ 705.10</u> has already reported certain information in <u>§ 705.15</u> to EPA pursuant to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting rule at <u>40 CFR part 98</u>, then duplicative reporting of that information is not required of the years for which the information has already been reported. Such information that may potentially be duplicative under this part is limited to:

(1) *Imported.* Production volume (imported), pursuant to <u>40 CFR 98.416(c)(1)</u> and <u>(2)</u>.

(2) *Exported.* Volume directly exported, pursuant to <u>40 CFR 98.416(d)(1)</u>.

(3) Incinerated. Total volume incinerated on-site, pursuant to 40 CFR part 98.

(c) **Toxics Release Inventory reporting rule.** If a person identified in § 705.10 has already reported certain information in § 705.15 to EPA pursuant to the Toxics Release Inventory reporting rule at 40 CFR part 372, then duplicative reporting of that information is not required of the years for which the information has already been reported. Such information that may potentially be duplicative under this part is limited to:

(1) Recycled. Total volume recycled on-site, pursuant to 40 CFR 372.85(b)(16).

(2) Disposal. Description of disposal process(es), pursuant to 40 CFR 372.85(b)(14) and (15).

(3) *Release to land.* Total volume released to land, pursuant to <u>40 CFR 372.85(b)(14)(i)(D)</u> and (E).

(4) Release to water. Total volume released to water, pursuant to 40 CFR 372.85(b)(14)(i)(C).

(5) *Release to air.* Total volume released to air, pursuant to <u>40 CFR 372.85(b)(14)(i)(A)</u> and (B).

(6) Incinerated. Total volume incinerated on-site, pursuant to 40 CFR 372.85(b)(16).

(d) **TSCA sections 8(d) and 8(e) reporting.** If a person identified in <u>§ 705.10</u> has already reported certain information in <u>§ 705.15(ef</u>) to EPA, then duplicative reporting of that information is not required of the years for which the information has already been reported. Such information that may potentially be duplicative under this part is limited to health and safety studies submitted pursuant to TSCA section 8(d), notification of substantial risks pursuant to TSCA section 8(e), or other information concerning environmental and health effects of the PFAS.

(e) **Byproduct reporting.** If a person identified in <u>§ 705.10</u> must report byproducts information pursuant to <u>§ 705.15(e)</u>, and those byproducts are also PFAS that are reported independently pursuant to this part, then duplicative reporting of the environmental releases as byproducts is not required. Such information that may potentially be duplicative is limited to:

(1) *Incineration.* An indication of whether the byproduct is released to the environment, and if so, the environmental medium to which it is released (*i.e.*, air, water, land), pursuant to  $\underline{\$}$  <u>705.15(e)(2)</u>.

(2) **Byproduct volume.** For each year, the byproduct volume (in pounds) released to the environment, pursuant to <u>§ 705.15(e)(3)</u>.

(<u>e</u>f) *Environmental and health effects information.* If a person identified in § 705.10 has already reported the information in § 705.15(<u>eff</u>) to EPA, then duplicative reporting of that information is not required, except to the extent required by to § 705.30. The notification required by this <u>paragraph (eff</u>) must also include the EPA office (*e.g.*, EPA region or Headquarters Office) and case number or other identifier for the prior submission.

(fg) **Reporting timeframe.** Any person covered in this part must report all information to EPA in § 705.15 for each year since January 1, 2011, in which that person manufactured a chemical substance that is a PFAS or a mixture containing a PFAS. If a person has already reported any of the data elements identified in paragraph (a) of this section, but not for all years since 2011, then that person must submit the required information for the intervening years. If a person has already reported any of the data elements identified in paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section, and the previous submissions did not account for all activities that are reportable under this part due to exemptions or thresholds that do not apply to this part, then that information is not considered duplicative reporting, and the person must submit information for that data element responsive to this part.

### § 705.25 Recordkeeping requirements.

Each person who is subject to the reporting requirements of this part must retain records that document any information reported to EPA. Relevant records must be retained for a period of 5 years beginning on the last day of the submission period.

### § 705.30 Confidentiality claims.

### (a) Making confidentiality claims —

(1) **Generally.** Any person submitting information under this part may assert a confidentiality claim for that information, except for information described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section. All such confidentiality claims must be asserted at the time the information is submitted. Instructions for asserting confidentiality claims are provided in the document identified in § 705.35. Information claimed as confidential business information in accordance with this section will be treated and disclosed in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR part 703 and TSCA section 14.

(2) *Exceptions.* Confidentiality claims cannot be asserted for the following:

(i) Specific chemical identity if the chemical is on the public (non-confidential) TSCA Inventory or reported as non-confidential in an LVE;

(ii) For processing and use data elements required by  $\frac{5}{705.15(c)(1)}$  through (7)-and  $\frac{705.18(a)(3)(i)}{100}$  through (vii);

(iii) When a response is left blank or designated as "not known or reasonably ascertainable;"

(iv) For specific chemical identity by submitters of article importer forms described in § 705.18(a);

(iv) For all generic chemical names;

(vi) For any PFAS that are on the public (non-confidential) TSCA Inventory, the chemical's CASRN;

(vii) For the Inventory Accession Numbers for PFAS that are on the confidential TSCA Inventory; or,

(viii) For LVE numbers.

### (3) All existing information concerning environmental and health effects.

(i) Any person submitting a health and safety study, or information from a healthy and safety study, under this part may only assert a confidentiality claim for information that discloses processes used in the manufacturing or processing of a chemical substance or mixture or, in the case of a mixture, the release of data disclosing the portion of the mixture comprised by any of the chemical substances in the mixture.

(ii) If any information submitted under <u>§ 705.15(ef)</u> is claimed as confidential business information, a person who submits the information must provide EPA, at the time of submission, a sanitized copy for public release, removing only that information that is claimed as confidential business information.

(iii) Any person who has previously submitted information under § 705.15(ef) and claimed it as confidential business information is required to reassert and resubstantiate the confidential business information claim if they seek to maintain the claim of confidential business information. Such persons are required to submit s a revised sanitized copy.

### (b) Substantiation of confidentiality claims.

(1) Unless exempted, all confidentiality claims require substantiation at the time of submission and must be signed and dated by an authorized official.

(2) Confidentiality claims for the following data elements are exempt from the substantiation requirement in paragraph (b)(1) of this section:

(i) **Volume.** Production volume information required pursuant to  $\frac{5}{705.15(d)(1)}$ , (5), and (6)-and 705.18(a)(4) and (b)(3)(i).

(ii) **Primary submitter.** Joint submission information from the primary submitter, consisting of trade name and supplier identification required pursuant to  $\frac{9}{205.15(b)(1)(i)}$  and (ii).

(iii) **Secondary submitter.** Joint submission information from the secondary submitter, consisting of the percentage of formulation required pursuant to  $\frac{5705.15(b)(1)(i)}{(i)}$  and (ii).

(c) *Marking information claimed as confidential business information in confidentiality substantiation documentation.* If any of the information contained in the answers to the questions listed in <u>paragraph</u> (e) of this section is asserted to contain information that itself is considered to be confidential, you must clearly identify the information that is claimed confidential.

(d) *Certification statement for claims.* An authorized official representing a person asserting a claim of confidentiality must certify that the submission complies with the requirements of this part by signing and dating the following certification statement:

"I certify that all claims for confidentiality asserted with this submission are true and correct, and all information submitted herein to substantiate such claims is true and correct. Any knowing and willful misrepresentation is subject to criminal penalty pursuant to <u>18 U.S.C. 1001</u>. I further certify that: (1) I have taken reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of the information; (2) I have determined that the information is not required to be disclosed or otherwise made available to the public under any other Federal law; (3) I have a reasonable basis to conclude that disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of my company; and (4) I have a reasonable basis to believe that the information is not readily discoverable through reverse engineering."

(e) *Substantiation requirements for all types of confidentiality claims.* For each data element that is claimed as confidential business information, you must submit with your report detailed written answers to the following questions:

(1) **Substantial harm due to release.** Please specifically explain what harm to the competitive position of your business would be likely to result from the release of the information claimed as confidential business information. How would that harm be *substantial?* Why is the substantial harm to your competitive position *likely* (*i.e.,* probable) to be caused by release of the information rather than just *possible?* If you claimed multiple types of information to be confidential (*e.g.,* site information, exposure information, environmental release information, etc.), explain how disclosure of each type of information would be likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of your business. (40 CFR 703.5(b)(3))

(2) *Precautions to protect confidentiality.* Has your business taken precautions to protect the confidentiality of the disclosed information? If yes, please explain and identify the specific measures, including but not limited to internal controls, that your business has taken to protect the information claimed as confidential business information. If the same or similar information was previously reported to EPA as non-confidential (such as in an earlier version of this submission), please explain the circumstances of that prior submission and reasons for believing the information is nonetheless still confidential.

### (3) Disclosure under Federal law or publicly available information.

(i) Is any of the information claimed as confidential business information required to be publicly disclosed under any other Federal law? If yes, please explain.

(ii) Does any of the information claimed as confidential business information otherwise appear in any public documents, including (but not limited to) safety data sheets; advertising or promotional material; professional or trade publications; state, local, or Federal agency files; or any other media or publications available to the general public? If yes, please explain why the information should be treated as confidential. If this chemical is patented and the patent reveals the information you are claiming to be confidential business information, please explain your reasons for believing the information is nonetheless still confidential.

(4) **Duration of claims.** Is the claim of confidentiality intended to last less than 10 years (see TSCA section 14(e)(1)(B))? If yes, please indicate the number of years (between 1-10 years) or the specific date after which the claim is withdrawn.

(5) *Previously disclosed information.* Has EPA, another Federal agency, or court made any confidentiality determination regarding information associated with this chemical substance? If yes, please provide the circumstances associated with the prior determination, whether the information was found to be entitled to confidential treatment, the entity that made the decision, and the date of the determination.

(f) **Additional requirements for specific chemical identity.** A person may assert a claim of confidentiality for the specific chemical identity of a chemical substance as described in <u>§§ 705.15(b)(1)(i)</u> and <u>705.18(b)(2)(i)</u> only if the identity of that chemical substance is treated as confidential in the Master Inventory File (or as a confidential LVE) as of the time the report is submitted for that chemical substance, if that substance is currently on the Inventory or is an LVE. Any person who asserts a claim of confidentiality for the specific chemical identity under this paragraph must provide a generic chemical name. To assert a claim of confidentiality for the identity for the identity of a reportable chemical substance, you must submit with the report detailed written answers to the questions from <u>paragraph (b)</u> of this section and to the following questions.

(1) **Chemical substance in U.S. commerce.** Is this chemical substance publicly known (including by your competitors) to be in U.S. commerce? If yes, please explain why the specific chemical identity should still be afforded confidential status (*e.g.*, the chemical substance is publicly known only as being distributed in commerce for research and development purposes, but no other information about the current commercial distribution of the chemical substance in the

United States is publicly available) (<u>40 CFR 703.5(b)(4)</u>). If no, please complete the certification statement:

"I certify that on the date referenced, I searched the internet for the chemical substance identity (*i.e.*, by both chemical substance name and CASRN). I did not find a reference to this chemical substance and have no knowledge of public information that would indicate that the chemical is being manufactured or imported by anyone for a commercial purpose in the United States. [provide date]."

(2) *Leave manufacturing site.* Does this particular chemical substance leave the site of manufacture (including import) in any form, *e.g.*, as a product, effluent, emission? If yes, please explain what measures have been taken to guard against the discovery of its identity.

(3) **Chemical identity.** If the chemical substance leaves the site in a form that is available to the public or your competitors, can the chemical identity be readily discovered by analysis of the substance (*e.g.*, product, effluent, emission), in light of existing technologies and any costs, difficulties, or limitations associated with such technologies? Please explain why or why not.

(4) *Chemical name.* Would disclosure of the specific chemical name release confidential process information? If yes, please explain.

(g) **Joint submissions.** If a primary submitter asks a secondary submitter to provide information directly to EPA in a joint submission under  $\frac{55}{705.15(b)(1)(i)}$  and  $\frac{705.18(b)(2)(i)}{1000}$ , only the primary submitter may assert a confidentiality claim for the data elements that it directly submits to EPA. The primary submitter must substantiate those claims that are not exempt under paragraph (b)(2) of this section. The secondary submitter is responsible for asserting all confidentiality claims for the data elements that it submits directly to EPA and for substantiating those claims that are not exempt under paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(h) **No claim of confidentiality.** Except for the chemical identity on article importer forms submitted under § 705.18(a), iInformation not claimed as confidential business information in accordance with the requirements of this section may be made public (*e.g.*, by publication of specific chemical name and CASRN on the public portion of the TSCA Inventory). EPA will provide advance public notice of specific chemical identities to be added to the public portion of the TSCA Inventory.

### § 705.35 Electronic reporting.

You must use CDX to complete and submit the reporting form required under this part. Submissions may only be made as set forth in this section. Submissions must be sent electronically to EPA via CDX. The information submitted and all attachments (unless the attachment appears in scientific literature) must be in English. All information must be true and correct. Access the PFAS 8(a)(7) reporting tool and instructions, as follows:

(a) **By website.** Access the PFAS 8(a)(7) reporting tool via the CDX homepage at <u>https://cdx.epa.gov/</u> and follow the appropriate links.

(b) By phone or email. Contact the EPA TSCA Hotline at (202) 554-1404 or TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.