ENIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 9 and 721

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0366; FRL-9983-72]

RIN 2070-AB27

Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is withdrawing significant new use rules (SNURs) promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 145 chemical substances, which were the subjects of premanufacture notices (PMNs). EPA published these SNURs using direct final rulemaking procedures, which requires EPA to take certain actions if an adverse comment is received. EPA received adverse comments regarding the SNURs identified in this document. Therefore, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule SNURs identified in this document, as required under the direct final rulemaking procedures.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 83 FR 37702 on August 1, 2018, is withdrawn effective [insert date of publication in the Federal Register].
ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0366, is available at http://www.regulations.gov or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

The list of potentially affected entities is provided in the Federal Register of August 1, 2018 (83 FR 37702) (FRL-9970-23). If you have questions regarding the
applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

II. What Direct Final SNURs are Being Withdrawn?

In the Federal Register of August 1, 2018 (83 FR 37702), EPA issued direct final
SNURs for all 145 chemical substances that are identified in this document. Because the
Agency received adverse comments that relate to each of the 145 chemical substances,
EPA is withdrawing the direct final SNURS issued for these 145 chemical substances. In
addition to the Direct Final SNURs, elsewhere in the same issue of the Federal Register
of August 1, 2018, EPA issued proposed SNURs covering these 145 chemical substances
(83 FR 37455) (FRL-9981-16). EPA will address all adverse public comments in a
subsequent final rule, based on the proposed rule.

III. Good Cause Finding

EPA determined that this document is not subject to the 30-day delay of effective
date generally required by the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(d))
because of the time limitations for publication in the Federal Register. This document
must publish on or before the effective date of the direct final rule containing the direct
final SNURS being withdrawn.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

This action withdraws regulatory requirements that have not gone into effect and
which contain no new or amended requirements. As such, the Agency has determined
that this action will not have any adverse impacts, economic or otherwise. The statutory
and Executive Order review requirements applicable to the direct final rule were discussed in the August 1, 2018 Federal Register. Those review requirements do not apply to this action because it is a withdrawal and does not contain any new or amended requirements.

V. Congressional Review Act (CRA)

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the Federal Register. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). Section 808 of the CRA allows the issuing agency to make a rule effective sooner than otherwise provided by CRA if the agency makes a good cause finding that notice and public procedure is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. As required by 5 U.S.C. 808(2), this determination is supported by a brief statement in Unit III.
List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 9

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 721

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.


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Accordingly, the amendments to 40 CFR parts 9 and 721 published on August 1, 2018 (83 FR 37702), are withdrawn effective [insert date of publication in the Federal Register].

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