

would prompt the addition of manufacturers (including importers) to the final lists, then EPA plans to first notify those manufacturers (including importers).

EPA expects the final lists will indicate whether any manufacturers were identified in error, any additional manufacturers that were identified through the comment period or self-identification process, and whether any manufacturers have certified that they have already ceased manufacture (including import) prior to the cutoff date of December 18, 2023, and will not manufacture the subject chemical substance for five years. The final list will be published no later than concurrently with the final scope document for each risk evaluation initiated by EPA under TSCA section 6 for these five High-Priority Substances.

IV. References

The following is a listing of the documents that are specifically referenced in this notice. The docket includes these documents and other information considered by EPA, including documents that are referenced within the documents that are included in the docket, even if the referenced document is not physically located in the docket. For assistance in locating these other documents, please consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

1. EPA. Final Rule: Fees for Administration of Toxic Substances Control Act; Final Rule. **Federal Register**. 89 FR 12961, February 21, 2024 (FRL-7911-05-OCSP).
2. EPA. Notice: High-Priority Substance Designations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and Initiation of Risk Evaluation on High-Priority Substances; Notice of Availability. **Federal Register**. 89 FR 102903, December 18, 2024 (FRL-11581-07-OCSP) (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0601).
3. EPA. Final Rule: Fees for Administration of Toxic Substances Control Act. **Federal Register**. 83 FR 52694, October 17, 2018 (FRL-9984-41).
4. EPA. Preliminary List Identifying Manufacturers Subject to Fee Obligations for EPA-Initiated Risk Evaluations of Chemical, Acetaldehyde, CASRN 75-07-0. December 2024.
5. EPA. Preliminary List Identifying Manufacturers Subject to Fee Obligations for EPA-Initiated Risk Evaluations of Chemical, Acrylonitrile, CASRN 107-13-1. December 2024.
6. EPA. Preliminary List Identifying Manufacturers Subject to Fee Obligations for EPA-Initiated Risk Evaluations of Chemical, Benzenamine, CASRN 62-53-3. December 2024.
7. EPA. Preliminary List Identifying Manufacturers Subject to Fee Obligations for EPA-Initiated Risk Evaluations of Chemical, Vinyl Chloride, CASRN 75-01-4. December 2024.
8. EPA. Preliminary List Identifying Manufacturers Subject to Fee Obligations for EPA-Initiated Risk Evaluations of Chemical, 4,4'-Methylene bis(2-chloroaniline) (MBOCA), CASRN 101-14-4. December 2024.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Federal Railroad Administration's Procedures for Waivers and Safety-Related Proceedings; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); withdrawal.

SUMMARY: FRA is withdrawing the October 29, 2024, NPRM that proposed to update FRA's procedures for waivers and safety-related proceedings to define the two components of the statutory waiver and suspension standard, "in the public interest" and "consistent with railroad safety."

DATES: The NPRM published at 89 FR 85895 on October 29, 2024, is withdrawn as of December 31, 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This action withdraws an NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2024 (89 FR 85895), that proposed to update FRA's procedures for waivers and safety-related proceedings to define the two components of the statutory waiver and suspension standard, "in the public interest" and "consistent with railroad safety." The NPRM's comment period is scheduled to close on January 15, 2025.

Reason for Withdrawal

In light of resource constraints to address the numerous rail safety matters before the agency and because FRA has previously issued guidance on the subject matter covered by the NPRM,¹ FRA has decided to withdraw the NPRM. FRA may pursue similar regulations in the future and will consider updating the existing guidance.

Despite the decision not to move forward with the proposed rule at this time, FRA appreciates and takes seriously the thoughtful perspectives raised by stakeholders concerning the waiver process. FRA will continue engaging with its stakeholders on all rail safety matters.

Conclusion

The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2024 (89 FR 85895), is hereby withdrawn.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20114, 20306, 20502-20504, and 49 CFR 1.89.

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¹ <https://railroads.dot.gov/library/guidance-submitting-requests-waivers-block-signal-applications-and-other-approval-requests>; 88 FR 1448 (Jan. 10, 2023).