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EPA extends compliance date for PIP (3:1), plan for new rule making on TSCA

September 3, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its intent to initiate a new rule making and anticipates proposing new rules for five persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic (PBT) chemicals which are under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Additionally, EPA is taking action to extend the compliance dates for the prohibitions on processing and distribution and the associated record keeping requirement of one of these PBT chemicals, phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1)).

1. New Rule making on PBT Chemicals

In a March 2021 notice, EPA announced it was reviewing these rules according to government request and collect relevant comments and information, After further review, EPA is considering revising all five of the final rules to further reduce exposures, promote environmental justice, and better protect human health and the environment. EPA plans to issue a proposal for a new separate rule making on all five PBT chemicals in the spring of 2023. **The current provisions of the January 2021 risk management rules remain in effect** while EPA is working on this new rule making effort, with the exception of PIP (3:1) as described below.

2. PIP (3:1) Compliance Date Extension

March 8, 2021, EPA issue 180 days "No Action Assurance". September 3, 2021, **EPA is extending certain compliance dates for PIP (3:1) to March 8, 2022**, to address the hardships inadvertently created by the original applicable compliance dates in the January 2021 final rule to ensure that supply chains are not disrupted for key consumer and commercial goods. EPA will also soon issue a notice of proposed rule making that. Without this more specific information from suppliers, EPA will be unlikely to extend the compliance dates again.

PIP (3:1)-containing articles covered by the short-term compliance date extension include those that might be used in cellular telephones, laptop computers and other electronic devices. They also include articles that



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might be used in industrial and commercial equipment used in various sectors including transportation, life sciences, and semiconductor production, as well as other consumer and commercial goods.

HCT SOLUTION :

The five final rules are still valid. HCT reminds relevant companies to pay attention to the latest updates of TSCA, investigate the five hazardous substances in their products in time, and ensure that the products meet the requirements of the final rules, better control the quality, ensure the compliance of product and win the market. HCT has a professional technical team and rich experience in the control of restricted substances. It can develop personalized solutions for customers and help companies cope with various technical barriers.

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