Overview of TSCA Inventory Update Reporting (2006)

Information on chemicals manufactured or imported into the United States and listed on the TSCA Chemical Substances Inventory is collected periodically by the EPA. This collection began in 1986 with the promulgation of the Inventory Update Reporting (IUR) regulation. In 2003, EPA amended the IUR requirements to ensure that the data collected more closely match EPA's information needs.

By law, companies that manufacture or import chemicals are required to report information about these chemicals – the types of chemicals, the amounts manufactured or imported, certain details about their manufacture, and other data. The IUR regulations are in 40 CFR 710, Subpart C.

Reported information can be claimed confidential, therefore limited information is made public.

What companies are subject to reporting?

Manufacturers, including importers, of subject chemicals are required to report for IUR. Small manufacturers, as defined by 40 CFR 704.3, are exempted from reporting.

When is reporting required?

Reporting is required every five years. The 2006 submission period, during which 2005 production and import information was reported, ended in March 2007.

The next submission period occurs June 1 to September 30, 2011, when manufacturers will report information on their 2010 production.

What chemicals are subject to reporting?

Chemicals that are listed on the TSCA Inventory and are manufactured, including imported, in volumes of 25,000 pounds or more at a single site are subject to IUR. Typically information is collected on about 7,000 to 9,000 chemicals.

Are any chemicals exempt?

Certain chemicals – naturally occurring substances, microorganisms, polymers, and certain forms of natural gas – are exempt unless they are subject to another TSCA rule. In addition, certain chemicals are partially exempt, and manufacturers of such chemicals are only required to report identification and manufacturing information for those chemicals. The partially exempt chemicals are listed in the IUR regulations at 40 CFR 710.46(b).

What information is reported?

Manufacturers, including importers, report basic company and site identity information, chemical identity, and manufacturing related data such as production volume, site-limited status, number of workers reasonably likely to be exposed, physical form of the chemical, and other information. Typically covers about 7,000 to 9,000 chemicals.

(see next page for detailed information)

Manufacturers of larger volumes of chemicals – 300,000 pounds or more per site – report exposure-related information associated with the processing and use of their larger volume chemicals. Typically covers about 3,000 chemicals.

Where can I get more information?

The IUR website, www.epa.gov/iur, contains a variety of information and includes guidance documents and training presentations used for the 2006 IUR.

Data Elements Reported

All reporters (25,000 lbs or greater at a site)

Site Identification Information

Company and site identification information

Technical contact

Manufacturing Information

Chemical name

Chemical identifying number (usually CASRN)

Site limited chemical? Manufacture or Import?

Production volume – manufactured Production volume – imported Number of workers (in ranges) Maximum concentration (in ranges)

Physical form (choose from list) and associated percent of production volume

Larger volume substances (300,000 lbs or greater at a site)

Industrial Processing and Use Information

Top 10 unique combinations of

Type of process or use (choose from list)

NAICS code (5-digit)

Industrial function category (choose from list)
For each unique combination of the above, report:

Percent production volume Number of sites (in ranges) Number of workers (in ranges)

Commercial and Consumer Use Information

Commercial and consumer product category (choose from list)

Used in products intended for children?

Percent production volume (for each category)
Maximum concentration (for each category)

Other Reporting Information

No reporting required (fully exempt) for:

- Polymers, including salts of polymers
- Certain forms of natural gas (listed substances)
- Microorganisms

Partial reporting required (partially exempt) for:

- Multi-component petroleum process streams (listed substances)
- Specific chemical substances for which the IUR processing and use information is of low current interest (listed substances)

Inorganic chemicals:

- For 2006 IUR, inorganic chemicals were partially exempt reported only the identity and manufacturing information
- For 2011 and future IURs, no exemption for inorganic chemicals (report as per chart above)

Small manufacturers are fully exempt when:

- Total annual sales < \$4 million (company wide) OR
- Total annual sales < \$40 million (company wide) and production volume
 100,000 lbs (for a chemical substance at a single plant site).

NOTE: Small manufacturers are still required to report on substances subject to a rule proposed or promulgated under certain sections of TSCA (40 CFR 710.46).

Inventory Update Reporting Ranges and Categories

Ranges for Reporting Number of Workers	Ranges for Reporting Maximum
Reasonably Likely To Be Exposed	Concentration of Chemical Substance
■Less than 10 workers	■Less than 1% by weight
At least 10 but less than 25 workers	■From 1 to 30% by weight
At least 25 but less than 50 workers	■From 31 to 60% by weight
At least 50 but less than 100 workers	■From 61 to 90% by weight
At least 100 but less than 500 workers	■Greater than 90% by weight
At least 500 but less than 1,000 workers	
At least 1,000 but less than 10,000 workers	
At least 10,000 workers	
Physical Forms	Industrial Processing or Use Categories
■Dry powder	Processing as a reactant
■Pellets or large crystals	Processing – incorporation into formulation,
■Water- or solvent-wet solid	mixture or reaction product
■Other solid	■Processing – incorporation into article
■Gas or vapor	■Processing – repackaging
•Liquid	■Use - non-incorporative activities
Numbers of Sites	
•less than 10 sites	■at least 250 but less than 1,000 sites
■at least 10 but less than 25 sites	at least 1,000 but less than 10,000 sites
■at least 25 but less than 100 sites	■10,000 or more sites
■at least 100 but less than 250 sites	

Industrial Function Categories	S	
 Adsorbents and absorbents 	-Fuels	Process regulators, other than
 Adhesives and binding agents 	Functional fluids	polymerization or vulcanization
 Aerosol propellants 	Intermediates	processes
 Agricultural chemicals (non- 	Lubricants	Reducing agents
pesticidal)	Odor agents	 Solvents (for cleaning or degreasing)
 Anti-adhesive agents 	Oxidizing agents	Solvents (which become part of
 Bleaching agents 	pH-regulating agents	product formulation or mixture)
 Coloring agents, dyes 	 Photosensitive chemicals 	 Solvents (for chemical manufacture
 Coloring agents, pigments 	 Plating agents and metal surface 	and processing and are not part of
 Corrosion inhibitors and anti- 	treating agents	product at greater than one percent
scaling agents	Processing aid, not otherwise	by weight)
■Fillers	listed	Stabilizers
Fixing agents	Process regulators, used in	 Surface active agents
 Flame retardants 	vulcanization or polymerization	 Viscosity adjustors
Flotation agents	processes	Other

Commercial and Consumer Product Categories		
Adhesives and sealants Agricultural products (non-pesticidal) Artists' supplies Automotive care products	 Lawn and garden products (non-pesticidal) Leather products Lubricants, greases and fuel 	Photographic supplies Polishes and sanitation goods Rubber and plastic products
Electrical and electronic products Fabrics, textiles and apparel Glass and ceramic products	additives -Metal products -Paints and coatings -Paper products	Soaps and detergentsTransportation productsWood and wood furnitureOther