

Toxic Substance Control Act - Import Certification Form

Imports of chemical substances, mixtures or articles that contain a chemical substance or mixture must comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in order to enter the United States. Importers must certify that imported chemicals either comply with TSCA (positive certification) or, if not otherwise clearly identified as a chemical excluded from TSCA, are not subject to TSCA (negative certification). Invalid or incorrect negative certifications may be subject to action by the EPA. By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the form and understand my responsibilities as the importer of record.

Below field(s) must be completed OR reference an attached listing.

Part Number	Chemical Name/Commercial Description	Chemical Abstracts Services (CAS)
	(e.g., Aluminum Chloride)	Registry Number (if available)
	(OR)	applicable rule or order under TSCA.
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Additional Information

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) of 1976 was enacted to provide information about all chemicals and to control the production and of new chemicals that might present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. TSCA defines manufacture to include importation. Non-compliance with TSCA can result not only in detained shipments and/or denied entry, but can lead to substantial civil and/or criminal penalties.

Imports of chemical substances, mixtures or articles that contain a chemical substance or mixture are subject to TSCA. A **chemical substance** is any organic or inorganic substance of a particular molecular identity, including any combination of these substances occurring in whole or in part as a result of a chemical reaction or occurring in nature, and any element or uncombined radical.

A **mixture** is defined as any combination of two or more chemical substances if the combination does not occur in nature and is not, in whole or in part, the result of chemical reaction; except that such term does not include any combination which occurs, in whole or in part, as a result of a chemical reaction if none of the chemical substances comprising the mixture is a new chemical substance and if the combination could have been manufactured (including imported) for commercial purposes without a chemical reaction at the time the chemical substances comprising the combination were combined.

EPA keeps track of all existing chemical substances manufactured, processed, or imported in the United States that do not qualify for an exemption or exclusion under TSCA. If an item is on the <u>TSCA Inventory</u>, a positive certification must be transmitted unless it is regulated by other legislation. Any chemical that is not on the Inventory is considered a "new chemical substance." TSCA requires anyone who plans to manufacture (which includes importing) a new chemical substance for a non-exempt commercial purpose to provide EPA with a Premanufacture Notice (PMN) at least 90 days before initiating the activity.

TSCA Resources:

- EPA TSCA Import/Export Requirements Webpage
- Assessing and Managing Chemicals Under TSCA
- TSCA Chemical Substances Inventory List
- The Toxic Substances Control Act (Summary)

For questions about TSCA, please contact:

Toxic Substances Control Act Hotline (tsca-hotline@epa.gov) is available to answer general questions about TSCA import and export requirements. The TSCA Hotline operates Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. Call (202) 554-1404.

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