

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances
Control
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Project Title: Safer Consumer Products: Candidate Chemical List Regulation

Project Location: Statewide

County: Statewide

Project Description:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted by Health and Safety Code Sections 25252, 25253, and 58012, approved a regulatory amendment to correct or update citations for three of the twenty three source lists that comprise the Candidate Chemicals list in Section 69502.2(a) of the Safer Consumer Products Regulations (22 CCR Sections 69501 through 69510).

Background

DTSC's Safer Consumer Products Regulations, adopted in 2013, strives to reduce toxic chemicals in products and create safer substitutes for hazardous ingredients in consumer products sold in California. The regulations emphasize safer products and healthier lives by reducing and eliminating use of toxic chemicals.

The Safer Consumer Products Program (Program) established a science-based process to evaluate chemicals of concern and identify safer alternatives to ensure product safety, and to specify regulatory responses that DTSC may impose upon completion of the Alternatives Analysis process.

Project Activities

The regulations require DTSC to evaluate and prioritize product/Candidate Chemical combinations to develop a list of Priority Products for which Alternatives Analyses must be conducted. A Candidate Chemical that is the basis for a product being listed as a Priority Product is designated as a Chemical of Concern (COC) for that product and any alternative considered or selected to replace that product.

Candidate Chemicals are those exhibiting specific hazard traits and/or environmental endpoints and are found in any of the twenty three source lists included in section

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69502.2(a). The Amendment would correct or update the descriptions of three of these source lists, specifically those cited in section 69502.2(a)(C),(F), and (G).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec. 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec. 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [State type and section number]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: With certainty, no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project will not result in a change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance. Therefore, DTSC finds with certainty that there is not a possibility that the activities in question will result in a significant environmental effect.

Evidence to support the above conclusions is documented in the project file, available for inspection at:

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