

TSCA Section 5(a)(3) Determination for Premanufacture Notice (PMN) P-20-0040

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TSCA Section 5(a)(3) Determination: The chemical substance is not likely to present an unreasonable risk (5(a)(3)(C)).

Chemical Name:

Generic: 2-Propenoic acid, cycloalkyl ester

Conditions of Use (intended, known, or reasonably foreseen)¹:

Intended conditions of use (generic): Import for use and use as an additive for use in inks, coatings, adhesives and sealants, consistent with the manufacturing, processing, use, distribution, and disposal information described in the PMN.

Known conditions of use: Applying such factors as described in footnote 1, EPA evaluated whether there are known conditions of use and found none.

Reasonably foreseen conditions of use: Applying such factors as described in footnote 1, EPA has identified use in adhesives and as a monomer as reasonably foreseen based on a patent search.

Summary: The chemical substance is not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment, without consideration of costs or other nonrisk factors, including an unreasonable risk to a potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation identified as relevant by the Administrator under the conditions of use, based on the risk assessment presented below and the terms of the proposed Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) signed by EPA.² EPA estimated

¹ Under TSCA § 3(4), the term “conditions of use” means “the circumstances, as determined by the Administrator, under which a chemical substance is intended, known, or reasonably foreseen to be manufactured, processed, distributed in commerce, used, or disposed of.” In general, EPA considers the intended conditions of use of a new chemical substance to be those identified in the section 5(a) notification. Known conditions of use include activities within the United States that result from manufacture that is exempt from PMN submission requirements. Reasonably foreseen conditions of use are future circumstances, distinct from known or intended conditions of use, under which the Administrator expects the chemical substance to be manufactured, processed, distributed, used, or disposed of. The identification of “reasonably foreseen” conditions of use will necessarily be a case-by-case determination and will be highly fact-specific. Reasonably foreseen conditions of use will not be based on hypotheticals or conjecture. EPA’s identification of conditions of use includes the expectation of compliance with federal and state laws, such as worker protection standards or disposal restrictions, unless case-specific facts indicate otherwise. Accordingly, EPA will apply its professional judgment, experience, and discretion when considering such factors as evidence of current use of the new chemical substance outside the United States, evidence that the PMN substance is sufficiently likely to be used for the same purposes as existing chemical substances that are structurally analogous to the new chemical substance, and conditions of use identified in an initial PMN submission that the submitter omits in a revised PMN. The sources EPA uses to identify reasonably foreseen conditions of use include searches of internal confidential EPA PMN databases (containing use information on analogue chemicals), other U.S. government public sources, the National Library of Medicine’s Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB), the Chemical Abstract Service STN Platform, REACH Dossiers, technical encyclopedias (e.g., Kirk-Othmer and Ullmann), and Internet searches.

³ TSCA New Chemicals Program (NCP) Chemical Categories. <https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/chemical-categories-used-review-new>

² Reasonably foreseen conditions of use subject to a proposed SNUR are not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. Based on EPA’s experience, it is the Agency’s judgment that a new use would not commence during the pendency of a proposed SNUR because web posting of a proposed SNUR serves as the cut-off date for a significant new use. Therefore, manufacturers and processors would not commence a prohibited new use that would be legally required to cease upon the finalization of the SNUR. Once a SNUR is final

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that the new chemical substance could have limited persistence and low potential for bioaccumulation, such that repeated exposures are not expected to cause food-chain effects via accumulation in exposed organisms. Based on physical/chemical properties and available data on analogous chemicals, EPA estimates that the chemical substance has high environmental hazard and potential for the following human health hazards: skin sensitization, reproductive toxicity, specific organ toxicity, and aspiration hazard. The PMN describes conditions of use that mitigate the human health and environmental risks. Therefore, EPA concludes that the new chemical is not likely to present unreasonable risk to human health or the environment under the intended conditions of use.

As set forth below, the information available to EPA is sufficient to permit the Agency to conduct a reasoned evaluation of the health and environmental effects of the chemical substance under the conditions of use that are not subject to the proposed SNUR, in order to determine that the chemical substance is not likely to present an unreasonable risk under those conditions of use. As such, EPA does not need to impose testing requirements to conduct this evaluation. Whether testing is needed to evaluate the effects of the intended, known, or reasonably foreseen conditions of use of a chemical substance subject to a PMN is determined on a case-by-case basis. To the extent that testing may be necessary to conduct a reasoned evaluation of the health or environmental effects of the reasonably foreseen conditions of use that are subject to the proposed SNUR, EPA will make the appropriate determination if a Significant New Use Notice (SNUN) is submitted following finalization of the SNUR.

EPA found no known conditions of use, assessed the intended conditions of use, and addressed reasonably foreseen conditions of use by proposing a SNUR. Therefore, EPA determines the new chemical substance is not likely to present unreasonable risk to human health or the environment.

Fate: Environmental fate is the determination of which environmental compartment(s) a chemical moves to, the expected residence time in the environmental compartment(s) and removal and degradation processes. Environmental fate is an important factor in determining exposure and thus in determining whether a chemical may present an unreasonable risk. EPA estimated physical/chemical and fate properties of the new chemical substance using EPI (Estimation Program Interface) Suite™ (<http://www.epa.gov/tsca-screening-tools/epi-suitetm-estimation-programinterface>). In wastewater treatment, the new chemical substance is expected to be removed with an efficiency of 90% due to biodegradation. Removal of the new chemical substance by biodegradation is

and effective, no manufacturer or processor – including the PMN submitter – may undertake the conditions of use identified as a significant new use of the PMN substance in the SNUR. EPA must first evaluate the new use in accordance with the requirements of TSCA Section 5 and (a) either conclude that the new use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk under the conditions of use; or (b) take appropriate action under section 5(e) or 5(f). If EPA were not to finalize the proposed SNUR, then that decision would be based on information and data provided to the Agency during the comment period demonstrating that the reasonably foreseen conditions of use subject to the proposed SNUR are not likely to present an unreasonable risk. Under either scenario, the reasonably foreseen condition of use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk.

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high. Sorption of the new chemical substance to sludge, soil, and sediment is expected to be low. Migration of the new chemical substance to groundwater is expected to be negligible due to low sorption to soil and sediment, mitigated by biodegradation. Due to low estimated vapor pressure and Henry's law constant, the new chemical substance is expected to undergo negligible volatilization to air. Overall, these estimates indicate that the new chemical substance has low potential to volatilize to air or migrate to groundwater

Persistence⁴: Persistence is relevant to whether a new chemical substance is likely to present an unreasonable risk because chemicals that are not degraded in the environment at rates that prevent substantial buildup in the environment, and thus increase potential for exposure, may present a risk if the substance presents a hazard to human health or the environment. EPA estimated degradation half-lives of the new chemical substance using EPI Suite™. EPA estimated that the new chemical substance's aerobic and anaerobic biodegradation half-lives are < 2 months. These estimates indicate that the new chemical substance may have limited persistence in aerobic environments (e.g., surface water) and anaerobic environments (e.g., sediment).

Bioaccumulation⁵: Bioaccumulation is relevant to whether a new chemical substance is likely to present an unreasonable risk because substances that bioaccumulate in aquatic and/or terrestrial species pose the potential for elevated exposures to humans and other organisms via food chains. EPA estimated the potential for the new chemical substance to bioaccumulate using EPI Suite™. EPA estimated that the new chemical substance has low bioaccumulation potential based on BCFBAF model result < 1,000 (bioconcentration factor = 37 [estimated by linear regression from log Kow] and bioaccumulation factor = 51 [estimated by the Arnot-Gobas Method]³).

Human Health Hazard⁶: Human health hazard is relevant to whether a new chemical substance is likely to present an unreasonable risk because the significance of the risk is dependent upon both the hazard (or toxicity) of the chemical substance and the extent of exposure to the substance. EPA estimated the human health hazard of this chemical substance based on estimated physical/chemical properties, by comparing it to structurally analogous chemical substances for which there is information on human health hazard, and other structural information. Absorption of the new chemical substance is expected to be moderate to good through the skin, poor through the lungs, and good through the gastrointestinal (GI) tract based on physical/chemical properties. For the new chemical substance, EPA identified hazards for skin sensitization, systemic toxicity, and reproductive/developmental toxicity, based on test data for analogues. EPA also identified a hazard for aspiration, based on the measured kinematic viscosity. No toxicological data were available on the new chemical substance. EPA identified acceptable toxicological analogues to the new chemical substance, which reported the following points of departure. An oral NOAEL of 25 mg/kg-bw/day based on systemic effects which is also protective of developmental toxicity, a dermal LOAEL of 200 mg/kg-bw/day based on systemic effects, and an inhalation NOAEC_{Human Equivalent Concentration (HEC)} of 75 mg/m³ based on

³ Arnot JA, Gobas FAPC. 2003. A generic QSAR for assessing the bioaccumulation potential of organic chemicals in aquatic food webs. *QSAR and Combinatorial Science* 22: 337-345.

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olfactory effects, which was protective for other systemic and developmental effects. EPA used these values to derive exposure route- and population-specific points of departure for quantitative risk assessment described below. EPA qualitatively evaluated sensitization and aspiration hazards.

Environmental Hazard⁴: Environmental hazard is relevant to whether a new chemical substance is likely to present unreasonable risk because the significance of the risk is dependent upon both the hazard (or toxicity) of the chemical substance and the extent of exposure to the substance. EPA estimated environmental hazard of this new chemical substance using hazard data on an analogous chemical. This substance falls within the TSCA New Chemicals Category of Acrylates/Methacrylates.⁵ Acute toxicity values estimated for fish, aquatic invertebrates, and algae are 0.704 mg/L, 0.99 mg/L, and 0.596 mg/L, respectively. Chronic toxicity values estimated for fish, aquatic invertebrates, and algae are 0.07 mg/L, 0.16 mg/L, and 0.25 mg/L, respectively. These toxicity values indicate that the new chemical substance is expected to have high environmental hazard. Application of assessment factors of 5 and 10 to acute and chronic toxicity values, respectively, results in acute and chronic concentrations of concern of 0.141 mg/L (141 ppb) and 0.007 mg/L (7 ppb), respectively.

Exposure: The exposure to a new chemical substance is potentially relevant to whether a new chemical substance is likely to present unreasonable risks because the significance of the risk is dependent upon both the hazard (or toxicity) of the chemical substance and the extent of exposure to the substance.

EPA estimates occupational exposure and environmental release of the new chemical substance under the intended conditions of use described in the PMN using ChemSTEER (Chemical Screening Tool for Exposures and Environmental Releases; <https://www.epa.gov/tsca-screening-tools/chemsteer-chemical-screening-tool-exposures-and-environmental-releases>). EPA uses EFAST (the Exposure and Fate Assessment Screening Tool; <https://www.epa.gov/tsca-screening-tools/e-fast-exposure-and-fate-assessment-screening-tool-version-2014>) to estimate general population, consumer, and environmental exposures.

EPA considers workers to be a potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation (PESS) on the basis of greater exposure potential compared to the general population. EPA also considers PESS in conducting general population drinking water exposures by evaluating risks associated with water intake rates for multiple age groups, ranging from infants to adults. EPA considers

⁴ A chemical substance is considered to have low ecotoxicity hazard if the Fish, Daphnid and Algae LC50 values are greater than 100 mg/L, or if the Fish and Daphnid chronic values (ChVs) are greater than 10.0 mg/L, or there are not effects at saturation (occurs when water solubility of a chemical substance is lower than an effect concentration), or the log Kow value exceeds QSAR cut-offs. A chemical substance is considered to have moderate ecotoxicity hazard if the lowest of the Fish, Daphnid or Algae LC50s is greater than 1 mg/L and less than 100 mg/L, or where the Fish or Daphnid ChVs are greater than 0.1 mg/L and less than 10.0 mg/L. A chemical substance is considered to have high ecotoxicity hazard, or if either the Fish, Daphnid or Algae LC50s are less than 1 mg/L, or any Fish or Daphnid ChVs is less than 0.1 mg/L (Sustainable Futures <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-futures/sustainable-futures-p2-framework-manual>).

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consumers of specific products to be a potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation on the basis of greater exposure potential compared to the general population who do not use specific products.

For this new chemical assessment, EPA assessed worker exposure via dermal and inhalation exposures. Exposures to the general population via ingestion of drinking water and fish were not assessed because no releases to surface water are expected. Exposures to the general population via ingestion of groundwater (from landfill leaching) and inhalation were not assessed because exposures to landfill and air were expected to be negligible (below modeling thresholds). Consumer exposures were not assessed because consumer uses were not identified as conditions of use.

Risk Characterization: EPA applies a margin of exposure approach to calculate potential human health risks of new chemicals. A benchmark (acceptable) margin of exposure (MOE) is derived by applying uncertainty factors (UF) for the following types of extrapolations: intra-species extrapolation ($UF_H = 10$ to account for variation in sensitivity among the human population), inter-species extrapolation ($UF_A = 10$ to account for extrapolating from experimental animals to humans) and LOAEL-to-NOAEL extrapolation ($UF_L = 10$ to account for using a LOAEL when a NOAEL is not available). Hence, in the New Chemicals Program, a benchmark MOE is typically 100 and 1,000 when NOAELs and LOAELs, respectively, are used to identify hazard. When allometric scaling or pharmacokinetic modeling is used to derive an effect level, the UF_H may be reduced to 3, for a benchmark MOE of 30. The benchmark MOE is used to compare to the MOE calculated by comparing the toxicity NOAEL or LOAEL to the estimated exposure concentrations. When the calculated MOE is equal to or exceeds the benchmark MOE, the new chemical substance is not likely to present an unreasonable risk. EPA assesses risks to workers considering engineering controls described in the PMN but in the absence of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and respirators. If risks are preliminarily identified, EPA then considers whether the risks would be mitigated by the use of PPE (e.g., impervious gloves, respirator).

Risks to human health for the new chemical substance were evaluated using the route-specific effect levels (i.e., LOAEL and $NOAEC_{HEC}$) described above. Risks were identified for workers for olfactory effects via inhalation exposure based on quantitative hazard data for an analogue (MOE = 21; Benchmark MOE = 30; Fold Factor = 1.4). Risks were identified for workers for systemic effects via dermal exposure based on quantitative hazard data for an analogue (MOE = 4; Benchmark MOE = 1,000). Sensitization hazards to workers via dermal contact were identified based on the structural alert for acrylates, analogue data, and information on the safety data sheet (SDS) prepared by the submitter. Risks for these endpoints were not quantified due to a lack of dose-response for these hazards. However, exposures can be mitigated by the use of PPE, including impervious gloves, eye protection, and respiratory protection. EPA expects that employers will require and that workers will use appropriate PPE consistent with the SDS prepared by the submitter, in a manner adequate to protect them. Risks of aspiration were not evaluated because oral exposure is not applicable to workers.

Risks were not evaluated for the general population via ingestion of drinking water or fish because there are no releases to surface water. Risks were not evaluated for the general population via ingestion of groundwater (from landfill leaching) or via inhalation because

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exposures are expected to be negligible (below modeling thresholds). Risks to consumers were not evaluated because consumer uses were not identified as conditions of use.

Risks to the environment were not identified due to no releases to water.

It is reasonably foreseen, based on a patent search, that the new chemical substance could be used in a number of different uses than the intended use, which may result in releases to water. The SNUR that has been proposed for this chemical substance defines certain conditions of use as significant new uses. The proposed significant new uses include releases to water that result in a surface water concentration of the new chemical substance exceeding 7 ppb. Conditions of use that fall under the restrictions of the proposed SNUR are not likely to present unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment because (1) those conditions of use are not likely to be commenced during the pendency of the proposed SNUR, and (2) upon finalization of the SNUR, those conditions of use would be prohibited unless and until EPA makes an affirmative determination that the significant new use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk or takes appropriate action under section 5(e) or 5(f).

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