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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 723

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2002-0051; FRL-8069-4]

RIN 2070-AD58

Premanufacture Notification Exemption for Polymers; Amendment of
Polymer Exemption Rule to Exclude Certain Perfluorinated Polymers;
Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document reopens the public comment period originally established for the proposed rule issued in the Federal Register on March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11484) (FRL-7735-5). In that document, EPA proposed to amend the polymer exemption rule which provides an exemption from the premanufacture notification (PMN) requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), to exclude from eligibility polymers containing as an integral part of their composition, except as impurities, certain perfluoroalkyl moieties consisting of a CF3- or longer chain length.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2002-0051. All documents in the docket are listed in the index for the docket. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document reopens the public comment period established in the Federal Register issued on March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11484). In that document, EPA sought comments on a proposed rule to exclude certain perfluorinated polymers from the polymer exemption rule. EPA is hereby reopening the comment period, which closed on May 8, 2006, to July 31, 2006. EPA has decided to reopen the comment period in response to several requests that additional time is need to adequately compile information, coordinate views among like-minded stakeholders, and submit meaningful comments.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 723

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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