

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters are encouraged to submit public comments or requests for a public hearing relating to this petition electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (indicate public docket number IRS–2022–0037 or polyphenylene sulfide) by following the online instructions for submitting comments. Comments cannot be edited or withdrawn once submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Alternatively, comments and requests for a public hearing may be mailed to: Internal Revenue Service, Attn: CC:PA:01:PR (Supplemental Notice of Filing for Polyphenylene Sulfide), Room 5203, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington DC 20044. All comments received are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. All comments received will be posted without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the time and place for the hearing will be published in the **Federal Register**.

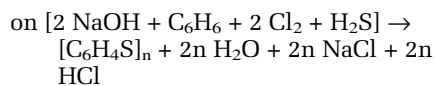
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Camille Edwards Bennehoff at (202) 317–6855 (not a toll-free number).

#### Request To Add Substance to the List

##### (a) Overview.

A petition was filed pursuant to Rev. Proc. 2022–26 (2022–29 I.R.B. 90), requesting that polyphenylene sulfide be added to the list of taxable substances under section 4672(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (List). The notice of filing summarizing the polyphenylene sulfide petition and requesting comments was published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2022 (87 FR 80579). The Treasury Department and the IRS received no written comments in response to the original notice of filing and a public hearing was neither requested nor held. After the comment period for the notice of filing closed, an error was discovered in the stoichiometric material consumption equation for polyphenylene sulfide, and the Petitioner subsequently provided a corrected petition.

This supplemental notice of filing provides the corrected stoichiometric material consumption equation for polyphenylene sulfide in paragraph (b) of this document. The stoichiometric material consumption equation is corrected to read as follows:



The other petition information provided in paragraph (b) of this document is unchanged from the original notice of filing for polyphenylene sulfide. Although the only change from the original notice of filing is to the stoichiometric material consumption equation, this document also includes all of the other information presented on the corrected petition to avoid confusion and is provided for public notice and comment pursuant to section 9 of Rev. Proc. 2022–26.

The petition requesting the addition of polyphenylene sulfide to the List is based on weight and—as noted previously—contains the information detailed in paragraph (b) of this document. The publication of petition information in this supplemental notice of filing is not a determination and does not constitute Treasury Department or IRS confirmation of the accuracy of the information published.

Pursuant to section 10.02 of Rev. Proc. 2022–26, the IRS and Petitioner agreed to extend the 180-day determination period.

##### (b) Petition Content.

(1) *Substance name:* Polyphenylene sulfide.

According to the petition, these are the commonly used substance names for polyphenylene sulfide:

Polyphenylene sulfide  
PPS  
Poly(p-phenylenesulfide)  
Benzene, 1,4-dichloro-, polymer with sodium sulfide.

(2) *Petitioner:* Celanese Ltd., an exporter of polyphenylene sulfide.

##### (3) Proposed classification numbers:

- (i) *HTSUS number:* 3911.90.2500.
- (ii) *Schedule B number:* 3911.90.6100.
- (iii) *CAS numbers:* 25212–74–2, 26125–40–6

##### (4) Petition filing dates:

(i) *Petition filing date for purposes of making a determination:* December 20, 2022.

(ii) *Petition filing date for purposes of section 11.02 of Rev. Proc. 2022–26:* July 1, 2022.

##### (5) Description from petition:

According to the petition, polyphenylene sulfide is a high-performance thermoplastic, has high heat and chemical resistance, and is used in applications such as filters, appliance, machine and automobile parts, replacing steel in some cases.

In the final step of the production process, polyphenylene sulfide is manufactured by the polymerization of 1,4-dichlorobenzene (p-DCB), a taxable substance, with sodium hydrosulfide and sodium hydroxide. Sodium

hydrosulfide is made from sodium hydroxide and hydrogen sulfide.

Taxable chemicals constitute 90.0 percent by weight of the materials used to produce this substance.

(6) *Process identified in petition as predominant method of production of substance:*

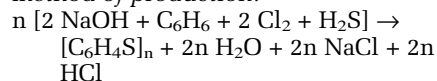
Three separate reactions:

(A) 1,4 dichlorobenzene is made from the reaction of benzene with 2 equivalents of chlorine.

(B) Sodium hydrogen sulfide is made from the reaction of hydrogen sulfide with sodium hydroxide.

(C) 1,4-dichlorobenzene (p-dichlorobenzene, p-DCB), sodium hydrosulfide (NaSH), and sodium hydroxide (NaOH) are reacted at high temperature and high pressure to form polyphenylene sulfide and byproduct sodium chloride.

(7) *Stoichiometric material consumption equation, based on process identified as predominant method of production:*



(8) *Tax rate calculated by Petitioner, based on Petitioner's conversion factors for taxable chemicals used in production of substance:*

- (i) *Tax rate:* \$14.50 per ton.
- (ii) *Conversion factors:* 0.74 for sodium hydroxide, 0.72 for benzene, 1.31 for chlorine.

(9) *Public docket number:* IRS–2022–0037.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Request for Individual Access to Records Protected Under the Privacy Act and Consent for Disclosure of Records Protected Under the Privacy Act

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The

public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before April 15, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8100, Washington, DC 20220, or email at [PRA@treasury.gov](mailto:PRA@treasury.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Ryan Law by emailing [Ryan.Law@treasury.gov](mailto:Ryan.Law@treasury.gov), calling (202) 622-8098, or viewing the entire information collection request at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Request for Individual Access to Records Protected under the Privacy Act and Consent for Disclosure of Records Protected under the Privacy Act.

*OMB Control Number:* 1505-NEW.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Description:* The *Request for Individual Access to Records Protected under the Privacy Act and Consent for Disclosure of Records Protected under the Privacy Act*, was developed in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-21-04, *Modernizing Access to and Consent for Disclosure of Records Subject to the Privacy Act*, which implements the requirements of the Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services for Constituents Act of 2019 (“CASES Act”). This form is based on the mandatory OMB M-21-04 templates for individuals to submit requests for accessing and consenting to the disclosure of records protected under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

The *Request for Individual Access to Records Protected under the Privacy Act* form is used by individuals seeking access to their records under the Privacy Act and any information pertaining to them that are maintained in Treasury’s systems of records. The Privacy Act provides that “the parent of any minor, or the legal guardian of any individual who has been declared to be incompetent due to physical or mental incapacity or age by a court of competent jurisdiction, may act on behalf of the individual.” Therefore, this form may also be used by a parent or legal guardian.

*Form Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Public individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 316.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 316.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 948.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Melody Braswell,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to monitor, investigate, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on March 1, 2024 on “Consumer Products from China: Safety, Regulations, and Supply Chains.”

**DATES:** The hearing is scheduled for Friday, March 1, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public will be able to attend in person at a location

TBD or view a live webcast via the Commission’s website at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov). Visit the Commission’s website for updates to the hearing location or possible changes to the hearing schedule. Reservations are not required to view the hearing online or in person.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Jameson Cunningham, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at [jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov). Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.

**ADA Accessibility:** For questions about the accessibility of the event or to request an accommodation, please contact Jameson Cunningham via email at [jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov). Requests for an accommodation should be made as soon as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* This is the second public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2024 reporting cycle. The hearing will initially address the safety and quality of consumer products imported from China and the extent to which U.S. consumers, firms, and regulators are able to detect and respond to risks presented by unsafe and poor-quality imports. Next, the hearing will examine how shifts in global trade patterns affect U.S. supply chain resiliency, focusing on Chinese firms moving manufacturing abroad as well as attempts by Chinese firms to circumvent U.S. tariffs via transshipment through intermediary countries. Finally, the hearing will assess the Chinese government’s economic and policy support for its domestic manufacturing sector and consider the potential impact of these policies on China and the United States.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioner Robin Cleveland and Commissioner Kimberly T. Glas. Any interested party may file a written statement by March 1, 2024 by transmitting it to the contact above. A portion of the hearing will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

*Authority:* Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).