

confirmation of the accuracy of the information published.

(b) *Petition Content.*

(1) *Substance name:* Styrene isoprene block copolymer $((C_8H_8)_x-(C_5H_8)_y-(C_8H_8)_z-(C_{33}H_{56}N_4OS_2)_a)$; $x+z=482$, $y=2,178.51$, $a=1.70$).

The substance is also known as SIS Rubber.

(2) *Petitioner:* Zeon Chemicals L.P. is an importer and exporter of SIS Rubber.

(3) *Proposed classification numbers:*

(i) *HTSUS number:* 4002.99.0000.

(ii) *Schedule B number:* 4002.99.0000.

(iii) *CAS number:* 25038–32–8.

(4) *Petition filing dates:*

(i) *Petition filing date for purposes of making a determination:* February 8, 2026.

(ii) *Petition filing date for purposes of section 11.02 of Rev. Proc. 2022–26, as modified by section 3 of Rev. Proc. 2023–20:* April 1, 2023.

(5) *Description from petition:* SIS Rubbers are polyisoprene/polystyrene elastomers with block structures that are primarily used in adhesive formulations. SIS Rubber is a triblock copolymer that consists of polystyrene sequences (or blocks) at each end of an isoprene sequence in the center. The imported SIS Rubber has a very low amount of residual cyclohexane (50 ppm). SIS Rubber is sold in pellet form with a small amount of silica or talc (~0.2%) used as an anti-agglomeration agent. SIS Rubber is made from benzene, ethylene, propylene, butylene, nitric acid, methane, ammonia, chlorine, and sodium hydroxide. Taxable chemicals constitute 25.94 percent by weight of the materials used to produce this substance.

(6) *Process identified in petition as predominant method of production of substance:* The predominant method of producing SIS Rubber is through a block polymerization of isoprene and styrene in cyclohexane in the presence of a catalyst. Styrene monomer is produced by the dehydrogenation of ethylbenzene. Ethylbenzene is produced via a Friedel-Crafts reaction of benzene and ethylene. 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(4,6-bis(octylthio)-1,3,5-triazin-2-ylamino)phenol is produced from 4-amino-2,6-di-tert-butyl phenol and 1,3,5-Triazine, 2-chloro-4,6-bis(octylthio). 4-amino-2,6-di-tert-butyl phenol is produced from 4-nitro-2,6-di-tert-butyl phenol and hydrogen. 4-nitro-2,6-di-tert-butyl phenol is produced from 2,6-di-tert-butyl phenol and nitric acid. 2,6-di-tert-butyl phenol is produced from phenol and butylene. Phenol is produced via the Hock process (*i.e.*, the partial oxidation of cumene via the Hock rearrangement). Cumene is produced via the Friedel-

Crafts alkylation of benzene with propylene. Hydrogen is produced from steam-methane reforming. 1,3,5-Triazine, 2-chloro-4,6-bis(octylthio) is produced from 1,3,5-triazine, 2,4,6-trichloro and 1-octanethiol. 1,3,5-triazine, 2,4,6-trichloro is produced from cyanogen chloride. Cyanogen chloride is produced by the oxidation of sodium cyanide with chlorine. Sodium cyanide is produced by treating hydrogen cyanide with sodium hydroxide. Hydrogen cyanide is produced by Andrussov oxidation (*i.e.*, the reaction of methane and ammonia in the presence of oxygen). 1-Octanethiol is produced by from halogen substituted octane and sodium hydrosulfide. Halogen substituted octane is produced by reacting octane and a halogen (*e.g.*, iodine). Sodium hydrosulfide is produced by the reaction of sodium hydroxide with hydrogen sulfide.

(7) *Stoichiometric material consumption equation, based on process identified as predominant method of production:* $(x+z+a) C_6H_6$ (benzene) + $(x+z) C_2H_4$ (ethylene) + $y C_3H_8$ (isoprene) + $a C_3H_6$ (propylene) + $2a C_4H_8$ (butylene) + $a HNO_3$ (nitric acid) + $15/4a CH_4$ (methane) + $3a NH_3$ (ammonia) + $3a Cl_2$ (chlorine) + $5a NaOH$ (sodium hydroxide) + $2a C_8H_{18}$ (octane) + $11/2a O_2$ (oxygen) + $2a I_2$ (iodine) + $2a H_2S$ (hydrogen sulfide) $\rightarrow (C_8H_8)_x-(C_5H_8)_y-(C_8H_8)_z-(C_{33}H_{56}N_4OS_2)_a$ (SIS Rubber) + $(x+z) H_2$ (hydrogen) + $3a HCl$ (hydrochloric acid) + $31/2a H_2O$ (water) + $3/4a CO_2$ (carbon dioxide) + $a C_3H_6O$ (acetone) + $3a NaCl$ (sodium chloride) + $2a HI$ (hydrogen iodide) + $2a NaI$ (sodium iodide).

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

(i) *Tax rate:* \$2.56 per ton.

(ii) *Conversion factors:* 0.19 for benzene, 0.07 for ethylene, 0.0004 for propylene, 0.001 for butylene, 0.0005 for nitric acid, 0.0005 for methane, 0.0004 for ammonia, 0.002 for chlorine, and 0.002 for sodium hydroxide.

(9) *Public docket number:* IRS–2026–1032.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[Docket No. VA–2026–VACO–0001]

Corporate Senior Executive Management Office Notice of Performance Review Board Members

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** of the appointment of Performance Review Board (PRB) members. This notice announces the appointment of individuals to serve on the PRB of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DATES: This appointment is effective October 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the Department of Veterans Affairs Performance Review Board is as follows:

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Zomchek, Daniel S.
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Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of
Veterans Affairs, approved this
document on September 25, 2026 and
authorized the undersigned to sign and

submit the document to the Office of the
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the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Jacquelyn Collins,

*Alternative Federal Register Liaison Officer,
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