

(1) *Substance name*: Methyl ethyl ketoxime (MEKO).

(2) *Petitioner*: AdvanSix Inc., an exporter of methyl ethyl ketoxime.

(3) *Proposed classification numbers*:

(i) *HTSUS number*: 2928.00.10.

(ii) *Schedule B number*: 2928.00.1000.

(iii) *CAS number*: 96–29–7.

(4) *Petition filing date*: July 10, 2023.

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

(6) *Description of petition*: According to the petition, MEKO is a clear liquid and a high-efficiency, anti-skinning agent that is used for air-drying paints, inks, and coatings. The vast majority of the production of MEKO is by the conventional method developed in the late 1960s, via a route that involves condensation of methyl ethyl ketone with a hydroxylamine salt in the presence of a base. More specifically, methyl ethyl ketone is oximated with Raschig hydroxylamine to yield MEKO. More recently a “peroxide route” was developed and thought to provide a more selective production of MEKO. The peroxide route involves the liquid-phase ammoxidation of methyl ethyl ketone with H₂O₂, and ammonia, over Ti-MWW catalyst. Because of incumbent systems already in use, this peroxide route method is not widely adapted.

MEKO is made from ammonia, sulfuric acid, and butylene; however, sulfuric acid is cancelled from the stoichiometric material consumption equation due to no net consumption/production. The percent of MEKO produced with taxable chemicals is 39.97, by weight, of all materials used in the production of MEKO.

(7) *Process identified in petition as predominant method of production of substance*: The conventional method developed in the late 1960s, via a route that involves condensation of methyl ethyl ketone with a hydroxylamine salt in the presence of a base. More specifically, methyl ethyl ketone is oximated with Raschig hydroxylamine to yield MEKO.

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

C₄H₈ (butylene) + 5 NH₃ (ammonia) + 2 H₂O (water) + 1.5 O₂ (oxygen) + 2 SO₂ (sulfur dioxide) → C₄H₉ON (methyl ethyl ketoxime) + 2 (NH₄)₂SO₄ (ammonium sulfate) + H₂ (hydrogen)

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

(i) *Tax rate*: \$11.41 per ton.

(ii) *Conversion factors*: 0.98 for ammonia; 0.64 for butylene.

(10) *Public docket number*: IRS–2023–0032.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0877]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Privacy Act (PA) Request, Priority Processing Request, and Document/Evidence Submission

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration; Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veteran Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the

list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0877.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0877” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.

Title: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Privacy Act (PA) Request (VA Form 20–10206), Priority Processing Request (VA Form 20–10207) and Document/Evidence Submission (VA Form 20–10208).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0877.

Type of Review: Revision.

Abstract: Under Title 38, U.S.C., section 3702, authorizes collection of this information to help determine the release of liability and substitution of entitlement. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at insert citation date: 88 FR 10345 on May 15, 2023, pages 31099–31100.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 13,230 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 132,301.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dorothy Glasgow,

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