

I. What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

II. What information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?

Title: Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 4 Test Orders for the Standardized Testing of Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

EPA ICR No.: 2797.01.

OMB Control No.: 2070-NEW.

ICR status: This ICR is for a new information collection activity. Under the PRA, 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This ICR covers the information collection activities associated with the submission of information to EPA pursuant to TSCA section 4 for Test Orders on PFAS (15 U.S.C. 2603). Under TSCA, EPA has the

authority to issue orders or rules designed to gather or develop information on chemical substances and mixtures. TSCA section 4 authorities allow EPA to require the development of information related to chemicals and the use of prescribed "protocols and methodologies" to inform EPA and other federal agencies about chemical risks from manufacture, distribution in commerce, processing, use, or disposal of such substance or mixture, or any combination of such activities. The testing included in this ICR was informed by the National PFAS Testing Strategy. Data received pursuant to testing associated with this ICR will help inform the National PFAS Testing Strategy and any modifications to the Strategy.

Burden statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 137 hours per response. Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected are those that manufacture (including import) and processes chemical substances containing PFAS. The ICR includes a list of potentially affected entities with North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes provided to assist in determining potential applicability.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory, per 15 U.S.C. 2603.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Total estimated number of potential respondents: 13.

Total estimated average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 29,162 hours.

Total estimated annual respondent costs: \$131,046,039 total costs, which includes \$128,648,300, for laboratory costs.

III. What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any

questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice of Open Meeting of the Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM)

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 from 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. ET.

PLACE:

Microsoft Teams: The meeting will be held virtually for committee and council members, EXIM's Board of Directors, support staff, and all other participants.

Registration and Public Comment:

Virtual Public Participation: The meeting will be open to public participation virtually and time will be allotted for questions or comments submitted online. Members of the public may also file written statements before or after the meeting to advisory@exim.gov.

Interested parties may register for the meeting at: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/420f09f2-2060-42b4-9f59-241e31610c39@b953013c-c791-4d32-996f-518390854527>.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion of EXIM policies and programs designed to support the expansion of financing support for U.S. manufactured goods and services in Sub-Saharan Africa.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information, contact India Walker, Senior External Engagement Specialist, at 202-480-0062 or india.walker@exim.gov.

Authority: The Committee was established by the Bank as directed by Section 2(b)(9) of the Export Import Bank Act of 1945. This Advisory Committee is chartered in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act ("FACA"), 5 U.S.C. App.

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