CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Safer Consumer Products Program
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Project Title: Safer Consumer Products: Adding Certain Acids and Bases to the Candidate Chemicals List (Regulation Reference Number R-2025-19R)

Project Location: Statewide

County: Countywide

Project Applicant: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Regulations

Statutory Authority: Other (specify): California Health and Safety Code, sections 25252, 25253, and 58012

Project Description: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted by California Health and Safety Code sections 25252, 25253, and 58012, approved a regulatory amendment to amend section 69502.2 to article 2, chapter 55, division 4.5 of title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR). This regulatory action will add ammonium bisulfite, chromic acid, oxalic acid, sulfamic acid, ammonium hydroxide, ammonium thioglycolate, calcium hydroxide, ethanolamine, guanidine carbonate, lithium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, and sodium hypochlorite, (acids and bases) to the Candidate Chemicals List (Article 2 of the Safer Consumer Products Regulations).

Background: DTSC's Safer Consumer Products Regulations, adopted in 2013, strive to reduce toxic chemicals in products and create safer substitutes for hazardous ingredients in consumer products sold in California. The regulations emphasize safer products and healthier lives by reducing or eliminating use of toxic while allowing manufacturers to determine how to best address human health or environmental concerns related to their products.

These regulations specify a process for adding chemicals to the Candidate Chemicals List (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 22, section 69502.2(b)). The regulations require DTSC to evaluate and prioritize product/Candidate Chemical combinations and to add these product/Candidate Chemical combinations to the Priority Products List (Article 11 of the Safer Consumer Products Regulations). DTSC selects Priority Products based on the potential for exposure to the Chemical(s) of Concern in the product and the potential for this exposure to contribute to or cause widespread or significant adverse impacts to people or the environment.

Project Activities: DTSC adopted a rule adding specified acid and bases to the Candidate Chemicals List based on findings that (1) there are potential exposures to specified acid and bases, and (2) there is potential for one or more of these specified acid and base exposures to contribute to or cause adverse impacts.

Listing one or more chemicals as a Candidate Chemical does not place regulatory obligations on chemical manufacturers or on product manufacturers that use the chemical(s). However, it does give DTSC the option of regulating the chemical(s) in specific consumer products in the future, based on certain findings. A Candidate Chemical that is the basis for a product being listed as a Priority Product is designated as a Chemical of Concern for that product. A chemical's presence on the Candidate Chemicals List also affects the regulatory responses that the Safer Consumer Products Program can select for a Priority Product following the Alternatives Analysis phase. DTSC selects Priority Products based on the potential risk of exposure to the Chemical(s) of Concern in the product and the potential for this exposure to contribute to or cause widespread or significant adverse impacts to people or the environment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption [14 CCR section 15308]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: DTSC has determined none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to this project, as described in Public Resources Code section 21084(c), (d), and (e), and CCR, title 14, section 15300.2. DTSC has determined that the proposed regulatory amendments are actions taken by DTSC to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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Additional project information is available at https://dtsc.ca.gov/regs/

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