

(2) *Petitioner*: Exxon Mobil Corporation, an exporter of linear undecyl phthalate.

(3) *Proposed classification numbers*:

(i) *HTSUS number*: 2917.33.00.50.

(ii) *Schedule B number*:

2917.33.00.50.

(iii) *CAS number*: 3648–20–2.

(4) *Petition filing dates*:

(i) *Petition filing date for purposes of making a determination*: April 8, 2025.

(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*: July 1, 2022.

(5) *Description from petition*: Linear undecyl phthalate is a plasticizer that is especially suited for applications such as films, vinyl coated fabrics, automotive, construction (roofing membranes, flooring, and window and door seals), and electrical wire and cable.

Linear undecyl phthalate is made from ethylene and xylene. Taxable chemicals constitute 70.72 percent by weight of the materials used to produce this substance.

(6) *Process identified in petition as predominant method of production of substance*: The linear undecyl phthalate di-ester is made by reacting a mix of primary C11 alcohol with phthalic anhydride. The ester is produced by esterification of 2 moles of a linear C11 alcohol with one mole of phthalic anhydride in the presence of an acidic catalyst.

By using excess alcohol (up to 25% molar excess of C11 alcohol) and removing the water, the equilibrium is shifted towards the formation of the di-ester. The reactants are charged into a reactor and heated up. The reaction rate is accelerated by using, for example, tetra-*n*-butyl titanate introduced at high temperature (140 °C–250 °C), while removing the water formed.

The final ester is purified by neutralizing with a base such as an aqueous solution of sodium carbonate. Then excess alcohol is distilled off using steam/nitrogen stripping after neutralization. The remaining excess water is distilled off and the ester is then filtered using filter agents.

The degree of purity of the ester is up to >99.5 wt%. The overall formula is C₃₀H₅₀O₄ and the molecular weight is 474 g/mole, based on an average carbon number of the alkyl groups, with 11 carbons being the predominant number.

The linear C11 alcohol is obtained through hydroformylation of Decene. Decene is obtained through ethylene oligomerization. Hydroformylation is the reaction of Decene, at high pressure and temperature in the presence of a catalyst, with syngas (a mixture of

Carbon monoxide and Hydrogen). An alcohol with one carbon atom higher versus the starting olefin is obtained, hence Decene gives Undecanol. The hydroformylation induces 0.3 branches per molecule predominantly on the 2-position carbon of the alcohol. Phthalic anhydride is obtained through air oxidation of O.Xylene.

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

10 C₂H₄ [ethylene] + 2 CO [carbon monoxide] + 4 H₂ [hydrogen] + C₈H₁₀ [ortho-xylene] + 3 O₂ [oxygen] → C₃₀H₅₀O₄ [linear undecyl phthalate] + 4 H₂O [water]

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

(i) *Tax rate*: \$7.89 per ton.

(ii) *Conversion factors*: 0.59 for ethylene, 0.22 for xylene.

(9) *Public docket number*: IRS–2025–0044.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Superfund Tax on Chemical Substances; Request To Modify List of Taxable Substances; Notice of Filing for Di-IsoDecyl Phthalate

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of filing and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice of filing announces that a petition has been filed requesting that di-isodecyl phthalate be added to the list of taxable substances. This notice of filing also requests comments on the petition. This notice of filing is not a determination that the list of taxable substances is modified.

DATES: Written comments and requests for a public hearing must be received on or before July 14, 2025.

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 <https://www.regulations.gov> (indicate public docket number IRS–2025–0040 or di-isodecyl phthalate) 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 (Notice of Filing for Di-IsoDecyl Phthalate), 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 <https://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:

Jacob W. Peeples at (202) 317–6855 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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), as modified by Rev. Proc. 2023–20 (2023–15 I.R.B. 636), requesting that di-isodecyl phthalate be added to the list of taxable substances under section 4672(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (List). The petition requesting the addition of di-isodecyl phthalate to the List is based on weight and contains the information detailed in paragraph (b) of this document. The information is provided for public notice and comment pursuant to section 9 of Rev. Proc. 2022–26. The publication of petition information in this notice of filing is not a determination and does not constitute Treasury Department or IRS confirmation of the accuracy of the information published.

(b) *Petition Content*.

(1) *Substance name*: Di-isodecyl phthalate.

(2) *Petitioner*: Exxon Mobil Corporation, an exporter of di-isodecyl phthalate.

(3) *Proposed classification numbers*:

(i) *HTSUS number*: 2917.33.00.10.

(ii) *Schedule B number*:

2917.33.00.10.

(iii) *CAS number*: 68515–49–1.

(4) *Petition filing dates*:

(i) *Petition filing date for purposes of making a determination*: April 8, 2025.

(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*: July 1, 2022.

(5) *Description from petition*: Di-isodecyl phthalate is a plasticizer is plasticizer used in plastic and rubber

products. Some examples of use are: as a plasticizer in polyvinyl chloride (PVC); in building and construction materials; in automotive care and fuel products; and in other commercial and consumer products, including adhesives and sealants, paints and coatings, electrical and electronic products, and other plastic and rubber products.

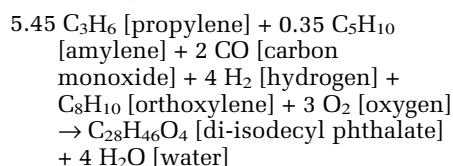
Di-isodecyl phthalate is made from propylene, orthoxylene (an isomer of xylene), amylene, carbon monoxide, hydrogen, and oxygen. Taxable chemicals constitute 64.5 percent by weight of the materials used to produce this substance.

(6) *Process identified in petition as predominant method of production of substance:* The predominant method of producing linear nonyl phthalate is via Esterification.

This process can be readily carried out in heated kettles with agitation and provision for water takeoff. Esterification catalysts (e.g., sulfuric acid or p-toluenesulfonic acid) speed the reaction and are neutralized, washed, and then removed. The purity requirements for commercial plasticizers are very high; phthalate esters are usually colorless and are mostly odorless. In the case of phthalates, the esterification is carried out through the reaction of phthalic anhydride and 2-ethylhexanol to produce dioctyl phthalate (DOP).

This reaction usually requires an excess of alcohol, which is readily recycled. Analogous syntheses yield aliphatic dicarboxylic acid esters, benzoates, and trimellitates.

(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:* \$7.31 per ton.

(ii) *Conversion factors:* 0.51 for propylene and 0.24 for xylene.

(9) *Public docket number:* IRS–2025–0040.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for the Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs (OPIA), Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR), is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs (“the Committee”) to represent the following Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas: Great Plains, Portland, Phoenix, Oklahoma City, Alaska, Albuquerque, Native Hawaiian, Urban Indian, and Member At-Large.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on July 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: All nomination packages (Application, should be mailed to the Office of Tribal Government Relations, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 915H (075), Washington, DC 20420 or emailed to: tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Veronica Duncan (Veronica.Duncan@va.gov), Office of Tribal Government Relations, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Ste 915H (075), Washington, DC 20420. A copy of the Committee charter can be obtained by contacting Veronica Duncan at 202–905–7294 or accessing the website managed by OTGR at: <https://www.va.gov/TRIBALGOVERNMENT/index.asp>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the Committee responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

(1) Identify for the Department evolving issues of relevance to Indian tribes, tribal organizations and Native American Veterans relating to programs and services of the Department;

(2) Propose clarifications, recommendations and solutions to address issues raised at tribal, regional and national levels, especially regarding any tribal consultation reports;

(3) Provide a forum for Indian tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations and the Department to discuss issues and proposals for changes to Department regulations, policies and procedures;

(4) Identify priorities and provide advice on appropriate strategies for

tribal consultation and urban Indian organizations conferring on issues at the tribal, regional, or national levels;

(5) Ensure that pertinent issues are brought to the attention of Indian tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations in a timely manner, so that feedback can be obtained;

(6) Encourage the Secretary to work with other Federal agencies and Congress so that Native American Veterans are not denied the full benefit of their status as both Native Americans and Veterans;

(7) Highlight contributions of Native American Veterans in the Armed Forces;

(8) Make recommendations on the consultation policy of the Department on tribal matters;

(9) Support a process to develop an urban Indian organization confer policy to ensure the Secretary confers, to the maximum extent practicable, with urban Indian organizations; and

(10) With the Secretary's written approval, conduct other duties as recommended by the Committee.

Authority: The Committee was established in accordance with section 7002 of Public Law 116–315

(H.R.7105—Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020). In accordance with Public Law 116–315, the Committee provides advice and guidance to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters relating to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and Native American Veterans. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to the Secretary on ways the Department can improve the programs and services of the Department to better serve Native American Veterans.

Membership Criteria: OTGR is requesting nominations for the current and/or upcoming vacancies on the Committee. The Committee is composed of 15 voting members. As required by statute, the members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from the general public, including:

(1) At least one member of each of the 12 IHS service areas is represented in the membership of the Committee nominated by Indian tribes or tribal organization.

(2) At least one member of the Committee represents the Native Hawaiian Veteran community nominated by a Native Hawaiian Organization.

(3) At least one member of the Committee represents urban Indian