

mole of phthalic anhydride in the presence of an acidic catalyst.

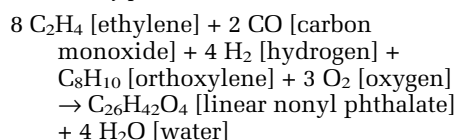
By using excess alcohol (up to 25% molar excess of C9 alcohol) and removing the water, the equilibrium is shifted towards the formation of the diester. The reactants are charged into a reactor and heated up. The reaction rate is accelerated by using, for example, tetra-n-butyl titanate introduced at 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 C₂₆H₄₂O₄ and the molecular weight is 418 g/mole, based on an average carbon number of the alkyl groups, with 9 carbons being the predominant number.

The linear C9 alcohol is obtained through hydroformylation of octene. Octene is obtained through ethylene oligomerization. Hydroformylation is the reaction of octene, 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 octene gives nonanol. 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:*



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

(i) *Tax rate:* \$7.69 per ton.

(ii) *Conversion factors:* 0.54 for ethylene and 0.25 for xylene.

(9) *Public docket number:* IRS–2025–0039.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request for Conduit Arrangements Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning conduit arrangements recordkeeping requirements.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 14, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include OMB control number 1545–1440 or Conduit Arrangements Recordkeeping, in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke (202) 317–6009, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Conduit Arrangements Recordkeeping Requirements.

OMB Number: 1545–1440.

Regulation Number: T.D. 8611.

Abstract: Treasury Decision (TD) 8611 provides rules that permit the district director to recharacterize a financing arrangement as a conduit arrangement. The recharacterization will affect the amount of U.S. withholding tax due on financing transactions that are part of the financing arrangement. This TD requires parties to the financing arrangement maintain specific records about the transaction and its circumstances, as detailed in 26 CFR 1.881–4(c). Additionally, each Section 6038 or 6038A party to the financing arrangement must comply with the recordkeeping requirements of 26 CFR 1.6038A–3 with respect to records that are relevant to the determination under § 1.881–3 of the regulations.

Current Actions: There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,000 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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