DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Superfund Tax on Chemical Substances; Request to Modify List of Taxable Substances; Notice of Filing for Neo Decanoic Acid

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 neo decanoic acid 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 [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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-2025-0054 or neo decanoic acid) 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Comments cannot be edited or withdrawn once submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal.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 Neo Decanoic Acid), Room 5203, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington D.C. 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 neo

decanoic acid be added to the list of taxable substances under section 4672(a) of the

Internal Revenue Code (List). The petition requesting the addition of neo decanoic acid

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: Neo decanoic acid

(2) Petitioner: Exxon Mobil Corporation, an exporter of neo decanoic acid

(3) Proposed classification numbers:

(i) HTSUS number: 2915.90.18.00

(ii) Schedule B number: 2915.90.0000

(iii) CAS number: 26896-20-8

(4) Petition filing dates:

(i) Petition filing date for purposes of making a determination: May 1, 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: Neo decanoic acid is a sterically hindered acid

used as a building block for coating derivatives.

Neo decanoic acid is made from propylene, amylene, carbon monoxide, and

water. Taxable chemicals constitute 66.2 percent by weight of the materials used to

produce this substance.

(6) Process identified in petition as predominant method of production of

substance: The name of the production process that the petitioner has identified as the

predominant method of production of the substance is Koch synthesis.

(7) Stoichiometric material consumption equation, based on process identified as

predominant method of production:

 $2.88 \times 0.94 \, \text{C}_3 \, \text{H}_6 \, \text{[propylene]} + 2.88 \times 0.06 \, \text{C}_5 \, \text{H}_{10} \, \text{[amylene]} + \text{CO [carbon]}$

monoxide] + H_2O [water] $\rightarrow C_{10}H_{20}O_2$ [neo decanoic acid]

(8) Tax rate calculated by Petitioner, based on Petitioner's conversion factors for

taxable chemicals used in production of substance:

(i) Tax rate: \$6.43 per ton

(ii) Conversion factors: 0.66 for propylene

(9) Public docket number: IRS-2025-0054

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