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His Excellency Tanee Sangrat  
Embassy of Thailand  
1024 Wisconsin Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20007

Subject: Notice of Export of **Ethyl methanesulfonate** to THAILAND

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Section 12(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who exports or intends to export a chemical substance or mixture from the United States to notify the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) of such exportation if any of the following actions have been taken under TSCA with respect to that chemical substance or mixture:

- 1) Information is required under TSCA section 4 or 5(b),
- 2) An order has been issued under TSCA section 5,
- 3) A rule has been proposed or promulgated under TSCA section 5 or 6, or
- 4) An action is pending, or relief has been granted under TSCA section 5 or 7.

In turn, TSCA section 12(b) requires the U.S. EPA to notify importing governments of the availability of the required information submitted to the U.S. EPA under the applicable TSCA section 4 or 5(b) action or notify the importing government of the applicable TSCA section 5, 6, or 7 action or relief. See 15 U.S.C. 2611(b) and the U.S. EPA's TSCA section 12(b) regulations at Title 40, Part 707, Subpart D of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), for details concerning the TSCA section 12(b) export notification procedures.

The U.S. EPA previously received a notice regarding a chemical substance or mixture exported from the United States to your country. This chemical substance or mixture is currently subject to TSCA section 12(b) export notification because it is subject to one of the actions listed above.

Information specific to the chemical being exported to your country is as follows:

The USEPA has received a notice that the chemical substance or mixture that is the subject of this letter is being exported from the United States to your country. As noted above, such notices are required to be submitted to the USEPA under certain specified circumstances, including one in which a chemical substance or mixture becomes subject to a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) under section 5(a) of TSCA. On December 1, 1993, the USEPA has issued a Final SNUR which indicates the following health or environmental toxicity concerns for this chemical substance: Cancer effects. The significant new uses as described in the FR are: Industrial, commercial, and consumer activities (Production volume greater than 10,000 pounds or more per year, per facility for any use). This SNUR would require persons who intend to manufacture (which includes import) or process the chemical substance or mixture that is the subject of this letter for a USEPA-designated significant new use to notify the USEPA at least 90 days before such activities commence. This required notice to the USEPA would provide the USEPA with the opportunity to evaluate the intended use and, if necessary, to prohibit or limit that activity before it occurs.

Should you prefer that notice of this type be provided to an official or agency of your government other than you, please provide us with the appropriate name and address.

Additional information concerning these regulations and chemical can be found online at <http://www.epa.gov/tsca-import-export-requirements/tsca-requirements-exporting-chemicals> or by contacting me at 202-564-8593 or [rahai.jim@epa.gov](mailto:rahai.jim@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Rahai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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