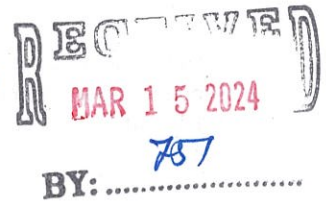




UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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

Subject: Notice of Export of **N-Methylpyrrolidone** 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 U.S. EPA has received a notice which indicates that the chemical substance N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) (Cas No. 872-50-4) is being exported from the United States to your country. As noted above, such notices are required under certain specified circumstances, including one in which a chemical substance becomes the subject of a Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) notification requirement under section 5(a)(2) of TSCA. On November 28, 2016, the Agency published a proposed SNUR (81 FR 85472) that requires persons who intend to manufacture, import, or process this substance for a designated significant new use to notify the EPA at least 90 days before such activities commence. In January 19, 2017, a proposed section 6(a) rule was issued to prohibit manufacture (including import) of NMP in consumer products and most types of commercial paints and coating.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Rahai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "R".

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