**EXTENSION OF 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD AND POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING**

**SAFER CONSUMER PRODUCTS REGULATIONS**

***Listing Carpets and Rugs Containing Perfluoroalkyl or Polyfluoroalkyl Substances as a Priority Product***

**Department of Toxic Substances Control Reference Number: R-2019-02**

**Office of Administrative Law Notice Reference Number: Z-2020-0218-04**

On February 28, 2020, notice was provided that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) proposes to amend the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 10, section 66260.11, and Chapter 55, section 69511, and adopt section 69511.4. This proposed amendment pertains to identification of a Priority Product under the Safer Consumer Products (SCP) regulations, approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and filed with the Secretary of State on August 28, 2013 (effective date: 10/01/2013; OAL Regulatory Action Number: 2013-0718-03).

At that time, DTSC announced a public hearing on the proposed regulation at the following time and location:

DATE: April 13, 2020

TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: CalEPA Building, Sierra Hearing Room

1001 “I” Street

Sacramento, California, 95814

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19, and on March 20, 2020. Governor Newsom issued a stay-at-home order to preserve the public health and safety. In light of these conditions, DTSC has determined that **the public hearing originally scheduled for April 13, 2020, shall be postponed to May 15, 2020, and conducted remotely using a teleconference line**. The public comment period shall also be extended until the date of the virtual public hearing.

**The public hearing for the proposed regulation will be held at the following time:**

**DATE: May 15, 2020**

**TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**ACCESS: Teleconference number:**

**(888) 566-5784
Participant passcode: 1407534**

Following entry of your passcode, please provide the required information when prompted. The telephone line will open at 8:45 AM to allow participants time to join the teleconference line.

When the hearing convenes, any person(s) may present oral statements or arguments relevant to this proposal. Those wishing to speak should access the hearing using the telephone number listed above. The public hearing will begin at 9:00 AM and will remain open until 12:00 PM or until all registered persons complete their testimony.

Representatives of DTSC will preside at the hearing. Anyone wishing to speak must register their interest by pressing \*1 on the telephone keypad after being connected into the call; speakers will be heard in the order of their request. Anyone else wishing to speak at the hearing will have an opportunity after the initial speakers have been heard. DTSC reserves the right to set time limits to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak.

**Notice Pertaining to Accessibility and Reasonable Accommodation**

All documents related to these regulations can be made available in alternate format (*i.e.*, Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language, as requested, in accordance with State and Federal law. Further, to ensure the public has equal access to all available services and information, DTSC will provide disability-related reasonable accommodations and/or translator/interpreter needs, upon request. For assistance, please contact the staff person below as soon as possible, no later than 10 business days prior to the scheduled hearing.

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Fax Number: (916) 324-1808 TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

**WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Any interested person(s) or their authorized representative(s) may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to DTSC in either electronic or hard-copy format. Written comments may be submitted electronically through the SCP Information Management System, CalSAFER at: <https://calsafer.dtsc.ca.gov/>. Please direct questions or concerns about CalSAFER to Simona Balan at (510) 540-3888 or simona.balan@dtsc.ca.gov. While DTSC prefers that comments be submitted through the CalSAFER system, interested persons may also submit their comments in an email to: SaferConsumerProducts@dtsc.ca.gov. Written comments may also be submitted electronically through the DTSC regulations email address at regs@dtsc.ca.gov, or please direct hard-copy written comments to Ms. Jackie Buttle, Regulations Coordinator, as specified above.

**The written comment period,** **originally set to close on April 13, 2020, is extended and will close on May 15, 2020**. Only comments received at the DTSC office by that date and time will be considered. Any interested person(s) or their authorized representative(s) may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to DTSC in either electronic or hard copy format. Written comments that are mailed to the above address and postmarked on or before the date of May 15, 2020, will also be considered.