



## **The Toxic Substances Control Act**

The Federal Register today has a “Proposed rule” that changes the current import design for reporting the importing of chemical under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

The TSCA governs the importation into the customs territory of the United States of a chemical substance in bulk form or as part of a mixture and articles containing a chemical substance or mixture.

The Proposed rule states that it plans to eliminate the current paper-based blanket TSCA certifications, and also has revised and adding definitions to clarify that certification obligations apply to both chemical substances and mixtures that are subject to TSCA (which require a positive certification) and those that are not (which require a negative certification). The proposed rule states that the electronic TSCA certification process will require a: (1) certification code, the certifying individual, including (2) name, (3) phone number and (4) email address.

The paper blanket certification process eliminated under the proposal is no longer necessary, CBP said. The existing process “has limited utility because each blanket certification is only valid at one port of entry and is only valid for one year,” it said. “

Comments are to be addressed to CBP, identifying the docket number and are due by September 28, 2016.

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