EPA Proposes to Scale Back PFAS Reporting Requirements Under TSCA

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On November 10, 2025, EPA **announced** a **proposed revision** to regulations issued under Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(a)(7), which would reduce certain per and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) reporting requirements for manufacturers and importers. The regulation was promulgated in October 2023 under the prior Administration and requires manufacturers and importers of PFAS in any year between 2011–2022 to report data on exposure and detrimental effects to EPA. In proposing this revision, EPA noted its reliance on Executive Order 14219, entitled "Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency' Deregulatory Initiative," which directs each agency to review and rescind existing rules based on consistency with the agency's best reading of the governing statute, Administration policy, and cost-benefit balancing principles. EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin estimated the existing rule would have cost American businesses \$1 billion in total to comply.

Specifically, EPA's proposed revision would exempt reporting on PFAS manufactured (including imported) in mixtures or products at concentrations of 0.1% or lower. It would also exempt imported articles, certain byproducts, impurities, research and development chemicals, and non-isolated intermediates from reporting. The revision also includes technical corrections that would clarify what must be reported in certain data fields and adjust the data submission period. Notably, however, the revision will not change the 2011–2022 reporting timeframe. The proposed rule has not yet been published in the *Federal Register*, but once published EPA will accept comments on the proposed changes for 45 days after publication.

Babst Calland's Environmental Practice Group is closely tracking EPA's PFAS actions, and our attorneys are available to provide strategic advice on how developing PFAS regulations may affect your business. For more information or answers to questions, please contact Sloane Wildman at (202) 853-3457 or swildman@babstcalland.com, Ethan Johnson at (202) 853-3465 or ejohnson@babstcalland.com, or your client service attorney at Babst Calland.

