

Trade Commission is required to increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of section 612(f) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"), with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents. The CPI increased 17.80 percent between September 1997, the date the FCRA amendments took effect, and September 2004. This increase in the CPI and the requirement that any increase be rounded to the nearest fifty cents results in an increase in the current maximum allowable charge to \$9.50 effective January 1, 2005.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Keith B. Anderson, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580, 202-326-3428.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 612(f)(1)(A) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which became effective in 1997, provides that a consumer reporting agency may charge a consumer a reasonable amount for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to section 609 of the Act.<sup>1</sup> The law states that, where a consumer reporting agency is permitted to impose a reasonable charge on a consumer for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to section 609, the charge shall not exceed \$8 and shall be indicated to the consumer before making the disclosure. Section 612(f)(2) goes on to state that the Federal Trade Commission ("the Commission") shall increase the \$8.00 maximum amount on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index, with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

Section 211(a) of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 ("FACT Act") adds a new section 612(a) to the FCRA that gives consumers the right to request free annual disclosures once every 12 months. The maximum allowable charge established by this notice does not apply to requests made under that new provision. The charge will, however, apply where a consumer orders a file disclosure directly from one of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies because the consumer is not yet eligible

to receive a free annual disclosure, or has already received a free annual disclosure and does not otherwise qualify for an additional free disclosure.

The Commission considers the \$8 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of section 612(f) to be the baseline for the effective ceiling on reasonable charges dating from the effective date of the amended FCRA, *i.e.*, September 30, 1997. Each year the Commission calculates the proportional increase in the Consumer Price Index (using the most general CPI, which is for all urban consumers, all items) from September 1997 to September of the current year. The Commission then determines what modification, if any, from the original base of \$8 should be made effective on January 1 of the subsequent year, given the requirement that fractional changes be rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

Between September 1997 and September 2004, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers and all items increased by 17.80 percent—from an index value of 161.2 in September 1997 to a value of 189.9 in September 2001. An increase of 17.80 percent in the \$8.00 base figure would lead to a new figure of \$9.42. However, because the statute directs that the resulting figure be rounded to the nearest \$0.50, the allowable charge should be \$9.50.

The Commission therefore determines that the allowable charge for the year 2005 will be \$9.50.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-202]

#### Availability of a Guidance Manual for the Assessment of Joint Toxic Action of Chemical Mixtures and Nine Interaction Profiles CD-ROM [Final Documents] and Two Interaction Profiles [Drafts for Public Comments]

**AGENCY:** Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the Guidance Manual for the Assessment of Joint Toxic Action of Chemical Mixtures and nine interaction

profiles CD-ROM prepared by ATSDR [final documents]. This notice also announces two additional interaction profiles that will be released as drafts for public comments.

**DATES:** The Guidance Manual and nine interaction profiles were included on the ATSDR ToxProfiles 2004™ including ToxFAQs™ CD-ROM released in October 2004. The two additional interaction profiles [drafts for public comments] will be available on January 1, 2005. The comment period for the two additional profiles will be from January 1, 2005 to March 31, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written requests for the CD-ROM should be sent to the attention of Ms. Yulandia Jordan, Office of Communication, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E-29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333 or by e-mail to [atsdric@cdc.gov](mailto:atsdric@cdc.gov).

Requests for the guidance manual and/or interaction profiles must be in writing and submitted to the address mentioned above. ATSDR reserves the right to provide only one copy free of charge.

In case of extended distribution delays, requesters will be notified.

The documents will be also available on ATSDR's Web site at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Please send comments or questions regarding information contained in the profiles to Dr. Hana Pohl, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop F-32, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (888) 422-8737.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Six of the interaction profiles were developed by ATSDR for hazardous substances at the National Priority List (NPL) sites and three interaction profiles were developed by ATSDR for the hazardous substances at the Department of Energy (DOE) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) waste sites under Section 104(i)(3) and (5) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). This public law mandates that ATSDR shall assess whether adequate information on health effects is available for the priority hazardous substances. Where such information is not available or under development, ATSDR shall, in cooperation with the National Toxicology Program, initiate a program of research to determine these health effects. The Act further directs that where feasible, ATSDR shall develop methods to determine the health effects

<sup>1</sup> This provision, originally section 612(a), was added to the FCRA in September 1996 and became effective in September 1997. It was relabelled section 612(f) by section 211(a) of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 ("FACT Act"), Public Law 108-159, which was signed into law on December 4, 2003.

of substances in combination with other substances with which they are commonly found. The Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996 requires that factors to be considered in establishing, modifying, or revoking tolerances for pesticide chemical residues shall include the available information concerning the cumulative effects of substances that have a common mechanism of toxicity, and combined exposure levels to the substance and other related substances. The FQPA requires that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency consult with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (which includes ATSDR) in implementing some of the provisions of the act.

To carry out these legislative mandates, ATSDR has developed a chemical mixtures program. As part of the mixtures program, ATSDR developed a guidance manual that outlines the latest methods for mixtures health assessment. In addition, a series of documents called interaction profiles are being developed for certain priority mixtures that are of special concern to ATSDR. The purpose of an interaction profile is to evaluate data on the toxicology of the "whole" priority mixture (if available) and on the joint toxic action of the chemicals in the mixture in order to recommend approaches for the exposure-based assessment of the potential hazard to public health.

All the documents were submitted to both the peer-review and the public review processes. Changes in the documents reflect those addressing reviewers' comments.

The following documents were made available to the public in October 2004.

#### Document 1

Guidance manual for the assessment of joint toxic action of chemical mixtures.

#### Document 2

Interaction profile for persistent chemicals found in fish. Chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (CDDs), hexachlorobenzene, dichlorodiphenyl dichloroethane (p,p'-DDE), methyl mercury, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

#### Document 3

Interaction profile for persistent chemicals found in breast milk. Chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (CDDs), hexachlorobenzene, dichlorodiphenyl dichloroethane (p,p'-DDE), methyl mercury, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

#### Document 4

Interaction profile for 1,1,1-trichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethane, trichloroethylene, and tetrachloroethylene.

#### Document 5

Interaction profile for benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, and xylenes (BTEX).

#### Document 6

Interaction profile for arsenic, cadmium, chromium, and lead.

#### Document 7

Interaction profile for copper, lead, manganese, and zinc.

#### Document 8

Interaction profile for cesium, cobalt, polychlorinated biphenyls, strontium, and trichloroethylene.

#### Document 9

Interaction profile for arsenic, hydrazines, jet fuels, strontium, trichloroethylene.

#### Document 10

Interaction profile for cyanide, fluoride, nitrate, and uranium.

#### Two additional Interaction Profiles [Drafts for Public Comments]

Interaction profile for atrazine, deethylatrazine, diazinon, simazine, and nitrate.

Interaction profile for chlorpyrifos, lead, mercury, and methylmercury.

Dated: December 16, 2004.

**Georgi Jones,**

*Director, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

##### Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Environmental Health Specialist Network, Program Announcement Number (PA) 05013

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis

Panel (SEP): Environmental Health Specialist Network, PA Number 05013.

*Times and Dates:* 9 a.m.–9:30 a.m., January 25, 2005 (Open), 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., January 25, 2005 (Closed).

*Place:* Hilton Atlanta Airport, 1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30354, Telephone Number 404 767-9000.

*Status:* Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to: Environmental Health Specialist Network, PA Number 05013.

*Contact Person for Further Information:* Mildred Williams-Johnson, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Environmental Health, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Mailstop E28, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (404) 498-0639.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: December 16, 2004.

**Alvin Hall,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

##### Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control; Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention and Surveillance in South Africa-Developing Community-Level Strategies that Work, Request for Applications (RFA) DD05-011

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention and Surveillance in South Africa-Developing Community-Level Strategies that Work, RFA DD05-011.

*Times and Dates:* 1 p.m.–1:35 p.m., January 11, 2005 (Open), 1:50 p.m.–4:30 p.m., January 11, 2005 (Closed).

*Place:* Teleconference Number: USA Toll Free 888-769-8515 Passcode 42438.