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Public Notice for Comments on draft informal regulations for the Brake Friction Material Law

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared informal draft regulations to help implement the Brake Friction Material Law (Health and Safety Code sections 25250.50 et seq.) that became effective January 1, 2014. The law restricts the content of brake friction material, and requires that this material is tested and marked with an environmental code that indicates proof of certification. The proposed regulations clarify the standards for implementing the law, including the marking of the brake pads, the analytical testing methodology, and the analytical laboratory qualifications. The regulations are also intended to provide details on the processes that DTSC will use to provide extensions to the January 1, 2025 restrictions, and approve certification requirements used by the testing certification agencies.

DTSC is requesting comments on the proposed informal draft regulations, which is available for viewing on DTSC's website at:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/upload/Strawman_reg_language_6-16-14.pdf.



Comments are due by close of business on August 22, 2014, and may be submitted via e-mail to brakepad@dtsc.ca.gov, or via mail to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Attn: Comments on Draft Informal Regulations for Brake Friction Material Law
P.O. Box 806, Mail Station/Code: SPWP/MS 12A
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

DTSC will be holding a series of workshops within the next few months designed to receive comments from stakeholders on the proposed informal regulations and to address potential issues before initiating the formal rulemaking process later this year. The dates for the workshops will be announced via the Brake Pad E-List as well as on DTSC's Brake Pad web page, and are tentatively scheduled to be held in July/August 2014.

These workshops are an opportunity for interested members of the public to discuss the scope and content of the informal draft regulations. There will be additional opportunities to submit public comments when the formal rulemaking begins, in accordance with the

Administrative Procedure Act.

Department of Toxic Substances Control