**Section 182.302 Public Notice and Comments**

a) Within 30 days after receipt of a complete petition for an exemption from Section 22.23b of the Environmental Protection Act, the Agency shall post a notice of the petition on its website and submit a notice of the petition to the Secretary of State for publication in the Illinois Register. The notice of the petition must include, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

1) Identification of the petitioner and the product for which the exemption is sought.

2) A description of the use of the product.

3) A statement that a copy of the petition is available for review at the Agency's headquarters during normal business hours.

4) A statement that written public comments on the petition may be submitted to the Agency for a period of 45 days after the date of publication of the notice.

5) The address to which written public comments on the petition can be submitted to the Agency.

b) Before approving an exemption from Section 22.23b of the Environmental Protection Act, the Agency must review all public comments on the petition that were submitted to the Agency within 45 days after the date the notice required under subsection (a) was published in the Illinois Register.

c) *Prior to approving an exemption* from Section 27 of the Mercury-added Product Prohibition Act *the Agency may publish notice of its receipt of the petition for the exemption on its website and consider public comments submitted in response to the petition.* (Section 27 of the Mercury-added Product Prohibition Act) Such notices must include, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

1) Identification of the petitioner and the product for which the exemption is sought.

2) A description of the use of the product.

3) A statement that a copy of the petition is available for review at the Agency's headquarters during normal business hours.

4) A statement that written public comments on the petition may be submitted to the Agency for a period of 45 days after the date of publication of the notice.

5) The address to which written public comments on the petition can be submitted to the Agency.

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