

## **Guidance Document**

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<u>Document Summary</u>: The following document is a letter that grants a time extension for facilities possessing certain sodium chlorate products to report those chemicals under the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. To ensure currently reporting facilities with sodium chlorate in these products do not report them at this time, this letter has been publicly posted to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) website.

Document Title: Clarification for Sodium Chlorate Contained in Specific Products

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<u>Affected parties</u>: Facilities possessing sodium chlorate contained in one of the following chemicals: 1) Defol 5, 2) Defol 750, 3) Pramitol 5 PS, 4) BareSpot Monobor-Chlorate, 5) BareSpot Weed and Grass, 6) BareSpot Ureabor, and 7) BareGround Ultra.

Statutory or regulatory provisions interpreted: 6 CFR 27.210(c)

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## **Clarification for Sodium Chlorate Contained in Specific Products**

In April 2015, DHS extended the deadline for submitting information under the CFATS program for sodium chlorate contained in Defol 5, Defol 750, Pramitol 5 PS, BareSpot Monobor-Chlorate, BareSpot Weed and Grass, BareSpot Ureabor, and BareGround Ultra. To ensure currently reporting facilities with sodium chlorate in these products do not report them at this time, the April 2015 letter, which was sent to facilities that reported sodium chlorate and which informed them of the extension is provided here. The extension remains in place.

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## Dear Madam or Sir:

I am writing to notify you that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is granting a time extension to submit information on certain sodium chlorate products under the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. I am sending you this letter because your facility has reported holdings of sodium chlorate on its Top-Screen and may possess these products.

On April 9, 2007, DHS published the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Interim Final Rule (6 CFR Part 27); and on November 20, 2007, DHS published a final list of chemicals of interest, known as Appendix A. *See* 72 FR 17688 and 72 FR 65396. Any facility that possessed any chemical of interest (COI) at or above the screening threshold quantity (STQ) and at or above the minimum concentration specified in Appendix A, was required to complete and submit a Top-Screen by January 22, 2008 or is required to do so 60 days after the facility comes into possession of the chemical of interest.

Pursuant to 6 CFR 27.210(c), the Department can modify the schedule under which a facility is required to submit a Top Screen, Security Vulnerability Assessment or Site Security Plan, based on the operations at the facility, the nature of the covered facility's vulnerabilities, the level and immediacy of security risk, or for other reasons. It has come to our attention that, due to their chemical composition, certain sodium chlorate mixtures may not present the same hazards as pure sodium chlorate and that further review of the issue is necessary. Accordingly, I am extending the deadline for submitting information under the CFATS program on the following sodium chlorate products:

- (1) Defol 5
- (2) Defol 750
- (3) Pramitol 5 PS
- (4) BareSpot Monobor-Chlorate
- (5) BareSpot Weed and Grass
- (6) BareSpot Ureabor
- (7) BareGround Ultra

This time extension will remain in effect until further notification by DHS via letter or publication in the Federal Register. If you have any questions about the extension described above, please contact the CSAT Helpdesk at 866-323-2957 or csat@hq.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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