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REGION 4

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Ms. Cheryl Parks  
Quality Manager  
Prayon Inc.  
1610 Marvin Griffin Road  
Augusta, Georgia 30906

Re: Prayon Inc.  
Consent Agreement and Final Order  
Docket No. TSCA-04-2019-2505(b)

Dear Ms. Parks:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Please refer to Section V of the CAFO for penalty information and payment requirements. To ensure proper processing, the Respondent's name and Docket Number for this case, identified above and in the CAFO, should be noted on any cashier's or certified check submitted in payment of the penalty.

Should you have any questions concerning the compliance status in the future, please contact Mr. Gopal Timsina of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-9017. Thank you for your cooperation in reaching resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Toney".

Anthony G. Toney  
Chief

Chemical Safety and Enforcement Branch

Enclosure

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In the Matter of: )  
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Prayon Inc. )  
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Respondent. )  
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**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

**I. Nature of the Action**

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4. Respondent is Prayon Inc.
2. The authority to take action under Section 16(a) of TSCA, is vested in the Administrator of the EPA. The Administrator of the EPA has delegated this authority under TSCA to the EPA Region 4 Regional Administrator by the EPA Delegation 12-2-A, dated May 11, 1994. The Region 4 Regional Administrator has re delegated this authority to the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division by the EPA Region 4 Delegation 12-2-A, dated January 14, 2009. Pursuant to that Delegation, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an

enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter and has the authority to sign Consent Agreements memorializing settlements between the EPA and Respondents.

3. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of this settlement, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

## **II. Preliminary Statements**

4. Pursuant to Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614, it is unlawful for any person to fail to maintain records, submit reports or information, or permit access to or allow copying of records including but not limited to records and reports required by Section 8 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2607.
5. Any person who violates a provision of Section 15 of TSCA shall be liable for a civil penalty for each such violation in accordance with Section 16(a) of TSCA and 40 C.F.R. Part 19. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.
6. All Confidential Business Information (CBI) in this CAFO has been redacted. To determine the identity of the chemical substances referenced in this CAFO or the CBI that was deleted (CBI deleted), Complainant and/or Respondent should refer to the show cause letter dated November 18, 2018, sent to the Respondent identifying the potential violations of TSCA and notifying the Respondent of the opportunity to show cause why the EPA should not proceed with an enforcement action.

### **III. Specific Allegations**

7. Respondent operates a chemical importing and manufacturing business located at 1610 Marvin Griffin Road, Augusta, Georgia. Respondent is a manufacturer and an importer as those terms are defined in 40 C.F.R. §§ 710.3 and 711.3.
8. On April 12, 2018, an authorized agent of the EPA Region 4 conducted an inspection at Respondent's plant site pursuant to Section 11 (a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2610(a).

#### **Over-Reporting a Manufactured Chemical in 2016 CDR Report**

9. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 711.8(a), any person who manufactured (including imported) for commercial purposes 25,000 lb. (11,340 kg) or more of a chemical substance described in § 711.5 at any single site owned or controlled by that person during any calendar year since the last principal reporting year (*e.g.*, for the 2016 submission period, consider calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, given that 2011 was the last principal reporting year) is subject to the Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) requirements under Section 8(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2607(a) and 40 C.F.R. Part 711.
10. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 40 § 711.5, any chemical substance that is in the TSCA Master Inventory File at the beginning of a submission period described in 40 C.F.R. § 711.20 must be reported pursuant to the CDR requirements under Section 8(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2607(a) and 40 C.F.R. Part 711, unless the chemical substance is specifically excluded by 40 C.F.R. § 711.6.
11. Respondent's production records indicate that Respondent manufactured 25,000 pounds or more of Chemical A for commercial purposes during calendar year 2015.
12. Chemical A was listed in the TSCA Master Inventory File at the beginning of the 2016 CDR submission period (June 1, 2016, through October 31, 2016) identified at 40 C.F.R.

§ 711.20 and is not specifically excluded from some or all of the CDR reporting requirements by 40 C.F.R. § 711.6.

13. Pursuant to the CDR requirements under Section 8(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2607(a) and 40 C.F.R. Part 711, Respondent was required to submit to the EPA a CDR report for Chemical A that Respondent manufactured for commercial purposes in an amount of 25,000 pounds (11,340 kg) or more in calendar year 2015, by no later than the end of the 2016 CDR submission period, October 31, 2016.
14. During the 2016 CDR submission period, Respondent submitted to the EPA a 2016 CDR report for Chemical A that was manufactured for commercial purposes.
15. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 711.15(b)(3)(iii), the total annual domestic manufactured volume (not including imported volume) and the total annual imported volume must be reported separately. These amounts must be reported to two significant figures of accuracy. A comparison between Respondent's 2015 production records and Respondent's 2016 CDR Report revealed that Chemical A was over reported (not reported to two significant figures of accuracy).
16. As stated in 40 C.F.R. § 711.1(c), Section 15(3) of TSCA makes it unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to submit information required under 40 C.F.R. Part 711.
17. Section 16 of TSCA provides that any person who violates a provision of Section 15 of TSCA is liable to the United States for a civil penalty.

#### **IV. Consent Agreement**

18. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth above.

19. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
20. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by the EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
21. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with the TSCA regulations referenced in this CAFO.
22. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), compliance with this CAFO only resolves Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the allegations in Section III of this CAFO and does not affect the right of the EPA or U.S. to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law. This CAFO does not waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of TSCA or other applicable laws and regulations.
23. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of TSCA.

#### **V. Final Order**

24. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of **SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINETY (\$17, 190)** which shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date.
25. Respondent shall remit the penalty payment by either the electronic methods below, or a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America."  
**The Respondent shall note on the face of the check the Respondent's name and the**

**Docket Number associated with this CAFO. The penalty payment shall be sent by one of the methods below.**

**Address for standard delivery:**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
P.O. Box 979077  
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

**Address for signed receipt confirmation (FedEx, DHL, UPS, USPS certified, registered, etc.):**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Government Lockbox 979077  
1005 Convention Plaza  
SL-MO-C2-GL  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101  
Delivery Contact Phone Number: (314) 425-1819

**Electronic Payment: Any electronic payment method as indicated in the EPA's electronic payment options web site found at:  
<https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment#electronic>**

26. **At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check or evidence of electronic payment and a written statement that the payment is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:**

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

Gopal Timsina  
Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

27. **For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall**

constitute a violation of this CAFO.

28. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, the EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a), interest on any civil penalty assessed in a CAFO begins to accrue on the date that a copy of the CAFO is mailed or hand-delivered to the Respondent. However, the EPA will not seek to recover interest on any amount of such civil penalty that is paid within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which such interest begins to accrue. Interest will be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a). A charge will also be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts. In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.
29. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
30. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent and its successors and assigns.
31. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and hereby legally binds that party to this CAFO.

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**VI. Effective Date**

32. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:**

**Respondent: Prayon Inc.**  
**Docket No.: TSCA-04-2019-2505(b)**

By: [Signature] Date: 3/25/2019  
Name: Beth Allen  
Title: VP Finance & Administration

**Complainant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

By: [Signature] Date: 4/24/19  
Carol L. Kemker  
Acting Director  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

**APPROVED AND SO ORDERED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

By: [Signature]  
Tanya Floyd  
Regional Judicial Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of Prayon Inc. Docket Number: TSCA-04-2019-2505(b), to the addressees listed below.

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By:  \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 4/30/19