



Air Resources Board



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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to remind you that certain Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) standards and related requirements for consumer product categories will become effective on December 31, 2010. The standards for these consumer products specify the maximum content of volatile organic compounds (VOC) by weight percent and the limit for the Global Warming Potential (GWP) of compounds allowed in certain products. For your convenience, the affected consumer products categories and VOC standards are listed in the enclosed Table 1, and the associated GWP limit is listed in the enclosed Table 2. The specific regulatory requirements are contained in the Regulation for Reducing Emissions from Consumer Products (Consumer Products Regulation), sections 94507–94517, title 17, California Code of Regulations.

Typically when amendments to the Consumer Products Regulation are adopted, the Board directs the Executive Officer to monitor the progress of manufacturers in meeting the VOC and GWP limits and to conduct technical assessments prior to the effective dates for each of the limits. The goal of this letter is to learn about the progress your company is making to comply with the upcoming VOC standards and GWP limit. If your company anticipates it will successfully reformulate prior to the limits becoming effective you do not need to contact us. However, if your company is experiencing difficulty with reformulating by the applicable effective date, we are asking you to contact us. If you are having difficulties, we are interested in hearing the nature and extent of the problem, and the details of the research conducted by your company to comply.

To facilitate the transition period when a regulatory “effective date” takes effect, the Consumer Products Regulation contains a “sell-through” provision. This provision allows the sale or supply of consumer products for three years if they were manufactured prior to the effective date of the applicable standard. However, to qualify for this sell-through, the products must be marked with the date of manufacture or an appropriate code-date that has been filed with the ARB Enforcement Division. This date or code-date must be displayed on containers beginning at least 12 months prior to the effective date of the standard.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.
For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

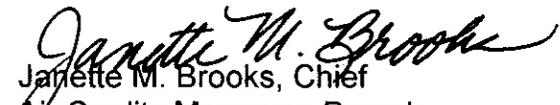
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The Consumer Products Regulation, in its entirety, is available on the internet at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regs/regs.htm>. Alternatively, you may obtain paper copies of the regulation by contacting Ms. Carol Wysong at (916) 322-7072 or via email at cwysong@arb.ca.gov. In the regulation, you will find definitions of the product categories and subcategories, the Table of Standards, the "sell-through" provision, and other regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions about the standards or other aspects of the regulation, please contact David Mallory of my staff at (916) 445-8316 or via email at dmallory@arb.ca.gov or Margaret Chu, Ph. D., at (916) 323-6501 or via email at mmchu@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


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