



Advisory

To: Manufacturers, Distributors and
Retailers of all Consumer Products

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New Requirements For Consumer Products Containing Para-dichlorobenzene, Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, or Trichloroethylene

The purpose of this advisory is to remind the consumer products industry of changes in the California Consumer Products Regulation for certain products containing para-dichlorobenzene, methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, or trichloroethylene. Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 94509(m),(n) and (o) prohibit the use of these compounds in certain consumer products.

Prohibitions: The tables below show the affected products and effective date of the prohibition for each product category. Affected products containing these compounds cannot be manufactured for use in California after these effective dates. However, these products may be sold, supplied, or offered for sale until the end of the “sell-through periods” listed below, as long as they were manufactured before the effective date of the prohibition and clearly display the date of manufacture. After the end of the sell-through period it is illegal for any person to manufacture, sell, supply, or offer for sale for use in California any affected product containing a prohibited compound.

Notification Requirements: In addition, any person selling affected products during the last six months of the sell-through period must notify the distributor or retailer in writing of the date that the sell-through period will end. This notification requirement applies only to affected products that contain prohibited compounds. The purpose of this requirement is to insure that distributors and retailers do not inadvertently sell noncomplying products after the end of the sell-through period. The date after which this notification must occur for each product category is listed below under the heading “Date After Which Notification Must Occur.”

Title 17, CCR, section 94509(o) prohibits the use of para-dichlorobenzene in two categories of consumer products manufactured for use in California. On December 31, 2005, requirements for the following consumer products will become effective:

Table 1: Prohibitions on use of Para-dichlorobenzene Effective 12/31/2005

Product Category	End of Sell-Through Period	Date After Which Notification Must Occur
Solid Air Freshener	12/31/2006	6/30/2006
Toilet/Urinal Care Products	12/31/2006	6/30/2006

Title 17, CCR, section 94509(m) prohibits the use of methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, or trichloroethylene in four categories of consumer products manufactured for use in California. On December 31, 2005, requirements for the following consumer products will become effective:

Table 2 : Prohibitions on use of Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, or Trichloroethylene Effective 12/31/2005¹

Product Category	Compounds Affected	End of Sell-Through Period	Date After Which Notification Must Occur
Electronic Cleaner	methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene	12/31/2008	6/30/2008
Footwear or Leather Care Product	methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene	12/31/2008	6/30/2008
General Purpose Degreaser	methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene	12/31/2008	6/30/2008
Contact Adhesive	methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene	12/31/2008	6/30/2008

On December 31, 2006, title 17, CCR, section 94509(n) will prohibit the use of methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, or trichloroethylene in three categories of consumer products manufactured for use in California:

Table 3: Prohibitions on use of Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, or Trichloroethylene Effective 12/31/2006¹

Product Category	Compounds Affected	End of Sell-Through Period	Date After Which Notification Must Occur
Adhesive Remover	methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene	12/31/2009	6/30/2009
Electrical Cleaner	methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene	12/31/2009	6/30/2009
Graffiti Remover	methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene	12/31/2009	6/30/2009

¹The prohibition does not apply to products in which methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, or trichloroethylene are present as impurities and their combined weight does not exceed 0.01%.

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