



Advisory

To: Manufacturers, Distributors and
Retailers of all Consumer Products

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Consumer Products Regulations: 2007 Requirements

The purpose of this advisory is to remind the consumer products industry of the upcoming changes in the volatile organic compound (VOC) standards as they apply to 22 consumer product categories or product forms (see Table 1). In addition, the sell-through period for two consumer product categories will expire on December 31, 2006 (see Table 2), and requirements for consumer products containing para-dichlorobenzene, methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, or trichloroethylene will go into effect (see Advisory Number 341).

The California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 17, Section 94509(a) lists standards for VOC (by weight percent) for consumer products sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured for use in California. By December 31, 2006, the VOC standards for the following consumer products will become effective.

Table 1: New VOC Standards

Product Category	Effective Date	VOC Standard (percent VOC by weight)	
		Existing	New
Floor or Wall Covering Adhesive Remover	12/31/2006	na	5
Gasket or Thread Locking Adhesive Remover	12/31/2006	na	50
General Purpose Adhesive Remover	12/31/2006	na	20
Specialty Adhesive Remover	12/31/2006	na	70
Contact Adhesive - Special Purpose - Non-aerosol	12/31/2006	80	80
Contact Adhesive - General Purpose - Non-aerosol	12/31/2006	80	55
Anti-static Product - Non-aerosol	12/31/2006	na	11
Electrical Cleaner	12/31/2006	na	45
Fabric Refresher - Aerosol	12/31/2006	na	15
Fabric Refresher – Non-aerosol	12/31/2006	na	6
Footware or Leather Care Product - Aerosol	12/31/2006	na	75
Footware or Leather Care Product - Solid	12/31/2006	na	55
Footware or Leather Care Product – all other forms	12/31/2006	na	15
Graffiti Remover - Aerosol	12/31/2006	na	50
Graffiti Remover – Non-aerosol	12/31/2006	na	30

Table 1 cont: New VOC Standards

Product Category	Effective Date	VOC Standard (percent VOC by weight)	
		Existing	New
Hair Styling Product – Aerosol and Pump Sprays	12/31/2006	na	6
Hair Styling Product – all other forms	12/31/2006	na	2
Shaving Gel	12/31/2006	na	7
Toilet/Urinal Care Product - Aerosol	12/31/2006	na	10
Toilet/Urinal Care Product – Non-aerosol	12/31/2006	na	3
Wood Cleaner - Aerosol	12/31/2006	na	17
Wood Cleaner – Non-aerosol	12/31/2006	na	4

As a result of the Board action on November 17, 2006, the proposed 75% VOC limit for the Electronic Cleaner category will not become effective until 12/31/2007.

Table 2 lists the consumer product categories whose sell-through expires on December 31, 2006. Beginning December 31, 2006, the consumer products listed in Table 2 that are available for sale in California will have to comply with the VOC standard for their category regardless of the date of manufacture.

Table 2: Expired Sell-through Categories

Product Category	Standard Effective Date	VOC Standard (percent VOC by weight)
Flying Bug Insecticide – Aerosol ¹	12/31/2003	25
Lawn And Garden Insecticide – Non-aerosol ¹	12/31/2003	3

¹For those products registered under FIFRA, the sell through period for products manufactured before 12/31/04 will continue until 12/31/07.

As previously discussed in Advisory Number 341, several new requirements for products containing para-dichlorobenzene, methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, or trichloroethylene will go into effect on December 31, 2006. This advisory can be found at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/advs/advs341.pdf>

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