



Advisory

To: Manufacturers, Distributors and
Retailers of all Consumer Products

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Consumer Products Regulations: 2009 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 15 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, 2008 or January 1, 2009, (see Table 2). Furthermore, on December 31, 2008, requirements for consumer products¹ containing 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, 2008, 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
Adhesives: Construction, Panel, and Floor Covering ¹	12/31/2008	15	7
Anti-static Product: aerosol	12/31/2008	n/a	80
Automotive Windshield Washer Fluids ¹ : Type "A" areas	12/31/2008	35	25
Bathroom and Tile Cleaners ¹ : non-aerosol	12/31/2008	5	1
Brake Cleaners	12/31/2008	45	20
Carburetor or Fuel-injection Air Intake Cleaners	12/31/2008	45	20
Disinfectant: ² aerosol	12/31/2008	n/a	70
----- non-aerosol			1
Furniture Maintenance Products: non-aerosol (except solid/paste forms)	12/31/2008	7	3
General Purpose Cleaners ¹ : aerosols	12/31/08	10	8
General Purpose Degreasers: aerosol	12/31/08	50	20

Laundry Starch/Sizing/Fabric Finish Product	12/31/2008	5	4.5
Oven Cleaners ¹ : non-aerosol (including pump sprays and liquids)	12/31/08	5	1
Sanitizer: ² aerosol	12/31/2008	n/a	70
----- non-aerosol			----- 1

¹ Effective December 31, 2008, no person shall sell, supply, offer for sale, or manufacture for use in California any Bathroom and Tile Cleaner, Construction, Panel, and Floor Covering Adhesive, Electronic Cleaners (labeled as energized electronic equipment use only), General Purpose Cleaners, or Oven Cleaner that contains any of the following compounds: methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, or trichloroethylene. However if this products were manufactured prior to December 31, 2008, then they can be sold, supplied, or offered for sale until December 31, 2011, as long as the product container or package displays the date on which the product was manufactured, or a code indicating such a date.

²For those products registered under FIFRA, the effective date of the VOC standards specified in the table is one year after the date specified making the actual effective date 12/31/2009.

Beginning December 31, 2008 or January 1, 2009, 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)
Crawling Bug Insecticides - Aerosol ³	12/31/2004	15
Wasp and Hornet Insecticide ⁴	1/1/2005	40

³For those products registered under FIFRA, the sell through period for products manufactured before 12/31/2004 will end on 12/31/2008.

⁴ For those products registered under FIFRA, the sell through period for products manufactured before 1/1/2005 will end on 1/1/2009.

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