



Advisory

To: Manufacturers, Distributors and
Retailers of all Consumer Products

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Consumer Products Regulations: 2013 Requirements

The purpose of this advisory is to remind the consumer products industry of new or lower volatile organic compound (VOC) standards, the sell-through period expiration for some consumer product categories, new prohibitions on use of specific compounds, and labeling requirements for specific categories. The complete regulation is contained in Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

VOC Standards: 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. Table 1 displays the product categories and VOC Standards that became effective on December 31, 2012.

Table 1: Consumer Product VOC Standards Effective 12/31/2012

Product Category	Effective Date	VOC Standard (percent VOC by weight)	
		Existing	New
Air Freshener – Double Phase Aerosol	12/31/2012	25	20
General Purpose Cleaner - Nonaerosol	12/31/2012	4	0.5
General Purpose Degreaser - Nonaerosol	12/31/2012	4	0.5
Glass Cleaner - Aerosol	12/31/2012	12	10
Glass Cleaner - Nonaerosol	12/31/2012	4	3
Metal Polish or Cleanser - Aerosol	12/31/2012	30	15
Metal Polish or Cleanser - Nonaerosol	12/31/2012	30	3
Sealant Or Caulking Compounds - Chemically Curing - Nonaerosol	12/31/2012	4	3
Spot Remover - Aerosol	12/31/2012	25	15
Spot Remover – Nonaerosol	12/31/2012	8	3

Sell-Through Expirations: The sell-through period for the “Shaving Gel” product category expired on December 31, 2012, and all products sold in California must meet the 4 percent VOC standard regardless of the date the product was manufactured. In addition, all FIFRA registered products in the Disinfectant, Sanitizer, Bathroom and Tile

Cleaner – Nonaerosol, and General Purpose Cleaner – Aerosol categories must meet the appropriate VOC standard regardless of the date the product was manufactured.

Product Category Changes: Changes to the “Oven or Grill Cleaner” product category definition that were considered by the Air Resources Board in November 2010 caused some grill cleaning products to fall under the definition that were not previously included in the category. As a result, the effective date for the new limits for these newly included products was pushed to December 31, 2012.

Prohibitions: Table 2 displays the categories and compounds prohibited from use effective December 31, 2012.

Table 2: Compounds Prohibited in Specific Consumer Product Categories

Product Category	Compounds Prohibited	Effective Date
Silicone-based Multi-purpose Lubricant (excluding solid or semisolid products)	Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, Trichloroethylene	12/31/2012
Metal Polish or Cleanser - Aerosol	Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, Trichloroethylene, GWP > 150*	12/31/2012
Metal Polish or Cleanser - Nonaerosol	Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, Trichloroethylene, GWP > 150*	12/31/2012
Spot Remover - Aerosol	Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, Trichloroethylene, GWP > 150*	12/31/2012
Spot Remover – Nonaerosol	Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, Trichloroethylene, GWP > 150*	12/31/2012
General Purpose Cleaner - Nonaerosol	Alkylphenol Ethoxylate Surfactants	12/31/2012
General Purpose Degreaser - Nonaerosol	Alkylphenol Ethoxylate Surfactants	12/31/2012
Glass Cleaner - Nonaerosol	Alkylphenol Ethoxylate Surfactants	12/31/2012
Oven or Grill Cleaner - Aerosol	Alkylphenol Ethoxylate Surfactants	12/31/2012
Oven or Grill Cleaner - Nonaerosol	Alkylphenol Ethoxylate Surfactants	12/31/2012
Air Freshener – Double Phase Aerosol	GWP > 150*	12/31/2012

*For products manufactured after the effective date: No product in these categories that contain any chemical compound that has a Global Warming Potential (GWP) Value of 150 or greater can be sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured for use in California.

Date Code Submission Reminder: The Consumer Products Regulation requires that if a manufacturer uses any date-code other than the standard date-code described in the regulation, an explanation of the code must be filed with the Air Resources Board (ARB) on an annual basis. The explanation of the code must be received by the ARB on or before January 31, 2013 and the date-code explanations should be sent to:

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