



Air Resources Board



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Edmund G. Brown Jr.
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November 9, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to remind you that requirements for various consumer product categories will become effective on December 31, 2012. The requirements include volatile organic compound (VOC) and Global Warming Potential (GWP) standards, as well as prohibitions on use of alkylphenol ethoxylate surfactants and toxic compound prohibitions. For your convenience, the affected consumer product categories and requirements are listed in the Enclosure to this letter. 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.

As has always been the case, we monitor the progress of manufacturers in meeting regulatory requirements prior to the dates the requirements become effective. If your company anticipates it will successfully reformulate prior to the requirements becoming effective you do not need to contact us. Alternatively, if your company is experiencing difficulty with reformulating by the applicable effective date, we are asking you to contact us in writing by December 17, 2012, and provide sufficient detail so we can understand the nature and extent of the problem; the details of the research and development conducted; and costs incurred by your company to comply.

To facilitate the transition period when regulatory requirements become effective, the Consumer Products Regulation contains a “sell-through” provision. This provision allows the sale or supply of noncomplying consumer products for up to three years if they were manufactured prior to the effective date of the applicable standard. In order to qualify for this sell-through provision:

- The products must be marked with the date of manufacture or an appropriate code-date that has been filed with the Air Resources Board’s Enforcement Division; and
- The 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>.

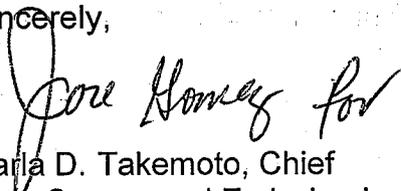
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The Consumer Products Regulation, in its entirety, is available on the internet at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regs/regs.htm>. Alternatively, you may obtain paper copies of the regulation by contacting Mr. Steve Shriver at (916) 322-6021, or via email at sshriver@arb.ca.gov.

If you have any questions about the standards or other aspects of the regulation, please contact Ms. Judy Yee of my staff at (916) 322-9148, or via email at jyee@arb.ca.gov or Ms. Jasmine Nguyen, at (916) 322-5911, or via email at jtnguyen@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Table 1
Consumer Products Standards
(As set forth in sections 94509(a) and 94509(n))
Becoming Effective on December 31, 2012¹

Product Category	GWP limit ²	VOC Standard (weight percent) ³	Sell-through Date
Air Freshener Double Phase Aerosol	150	20	12/31/2015
General Purpose Cleaner Nonaerosol	N/A	0.5	12/31/2015
General Purpose Degreaser Nonaerosol	N/A	0.5	12/31/2015
Glass Cleaner Aerosol	N/A	10	12/31/2015
----- Nonaerosol		3	
Metal Polish or Cleanser Aerosol	150	15	12/31/2015
----- Nonaerosol		3	
Sealant or Caulking Compound Chemically Curing Nonaerosol	N/A	3	12/31/2015
Spot Remover Aerosol	150	15	12/31/2015
----- Nonaerosol		3	

¹ See section 94510(e) for the effective date of the VOC standards for product registered under FIFRA, and section 94509(c) and (d) for the "sell through" allowed for products manufactured prior to the effective date of standards.

² Global Warming Potential value or "GWP value" as specified in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Second Assessment Report (SAR). Use of any chemical compound that has a GWP value of 150 or greater is prohibited.

³ See section 94510(c) for an exemption that applies to fragrances in consumer products, and section 94510(d) for an exemption that applies to LVP-VOCs.

Table 2
 Consumer Product Categories Where
 Use of Alkylphenol Ethoxylate Surfactants
 (As set forth in section 94509(m))
 is Prohibited Effective on December 31, 2012

Product Category	Sell-through Date
General Purpose Cleaner (Nonaerosol)	12/31/2015
General Purpose Degreaser (Nonaerosol)	12/31/2015
Glass Cleaner (Nonaerosol)	12/31/2015
Oven or Grill Cleaner	12/31/2015

Table 3
 Consumer Product Categories Where
 Use of Methylene Chloride, Perchloroethylene, and Trichloroethylene
 (As set forth in section 94509(m))
 is Prohibited Effective on December 31, 2012

Product Category	Sell-through Date
Lubricants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silicone-based Multi-purpose Lubricant (excluding solid or semisolid products) 	12/31/2015
Metal Polish or Cleanser	12/31/2015
Spot Remover	12/31/2015