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Air Resources Board



Compliance Division

Advisory

**To: Consumer Product
Manufacturers and
Contract Fillers**

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Consumer Product VOC Definition Change

On November 21, 1996, the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) held a duly noticed public hearing at which it approved amendments to Subchapter 8.5, Consumer Products; Article 2, Consumer Products, Sections 94507-94517, and Article 3, Aerosol Coatings Products, Sections 94520-94528, Title 17, California Code of Regulations to add one compound, perchloroethylene, to the list of exempt compounds in the definition of volatile organic compounds (VOC).

In the interim between the Board's decision to approve the amendment and the effective date of the change, there will be a period of time in which the regulation may differ from the Board's position. The ARB's Compliance Division must enforce the regulations as written; however, when the Board approves a change to the regulations, the Compliance Division will withhold enforcement action against any product that would comply with the modified regulation. This enforcement hiatus will apply until such a time as the regulation completes the review process. If the regulation is approved and becomes law, no enforcement action will be taken on the pending cases. However, current enforcement action (begun prior to the Board's decision) will not be dismissed without review.

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