



To: All Matrix System Distributors, Refinishers and Representatives

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RE: SCAQMD New Rule 1151

In the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), prohibition of possession, specification and sale regulations go into effect on July 1, 2006. This means that no end user shall have in his or her possession any non-compliant material for the district. No person shall solicit from or require any other person to use any product that when ready to use according to the manufacturer's recommendation for Ready To Spray (RTS) does not meet the applicable VOC limits. If non-compliant VOC coatings are sold in district, it can only be sold to someone with an approved emission control device or Alternative Emissions Control Plan. If non-compliant product is sold in district, the seller must maintain a record of the sale for at least five years consisting of:

- a. Coating name and manufacturer.
- b. Application method.
- c. Coating category and mix ratio specific to the coating.
- d. VOC content of the coating.
- e. Documentation that the material is a coating.
- f. Current manufacturer's specification sheet, Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), Technical Data Sheet (TDS) and Air Quality Data Sheet (AQDS), as applicable, which list the VOC content of the Ready To Spray (RTS) coating and each of its components and the VOC content of each solvent (by SCAQMD this is a cleaner).
- g. Purchase records identifying coating category, name and volume of the coating.
- h. The name and address of the person purchasing the coating, a statement of the basis on which the purchase will comply with the regulation, including if use is outside the district, and acknowledgement by the purchaser that this statement is correct.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has jurisdiction only over Consumer Products. They have given tertiary-butyl acetate (TBAC) use as an exempt-VOC solvent with out any qualifications in Consumer Products. In all other areas of use the local Air Quality Management District (AQMD) determines the acceptability of a solvent as an exempt-VOC. As of December 2, 2005 TBAC is not a VOC in SCAQMD when used in coatings other than color coatings and clear coatings in the Automotive Refinish market. A technical assessment on the use of TBAC as a non-VOC must be conducted by July 1, 2007 in SCAQMD. After reviewing the information concerning toxicity, carcinogenicity and other health and environmental risks the SCAQMD will make a final ruling on TBAC.

In SCAQMD automotive refinish is Group II. The current categories and VOC limits are available on the attached sheet.