



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1113 – ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

On June 3, 2011, Rule 1113 was amended with labeling requirements for all architectural coatings including small containers, which were previously exempt from labeling requirements. Labelers of containers two ounces or less have expressed difficulties in meeting these labeling requirements because of the size of the containers. Therefore, PAR 1113 would provide an exception from labeling requirements for containers two ounces or less. PAR 1113 would add and amend definitions to clarify the rule. PAR 1113 would clarify that open container requirements and Group II exemption prohibitions apply to colorants in addition to architectural coatings. PAR 1113 also includes minor changes to improve clarity, but does not change the intent of existing requirements. Evaluation of the proposed project resulted in the conclusion that it will not create any adverse effects on air quality or any other environmental areas. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely affect air quality or any other environmental area, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption. Upon adoption, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to James Koizumi (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Koizumi can also be reached at (909) 396-3234.

Date: September 6, 2013

Signature: 

Michael Krause
CEQA Program Supervisor
Planning, Rule Development &
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Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino	From: South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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Project Title:

Proposed Amended Rule 1113 – Architectural Coating

Project Location:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) area of jurisdiction consisting of the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

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Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

General Concepts [CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; and
General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt:

The SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed amendments to Rule 1113 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1) – Three Step Process, and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, and has determined that the proposed amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) (“General Rule Exemption”). PAR 1113 would provide an exception from labeling requirements for containers two ounces or less. PAR 1113 also includes minor changes to improve clarity, but does not change the intent of existing requirements. Evaluation of the proposed project resulted in the conclusion that it would not create any adverse effects on air quality or any other environmental areas. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely affect air quality or any other environmental area, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption.

Approval Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: September 6, 2013, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing _____

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