



## ADVISORY NOTICE

**Rule 1113:**                    **Section (c) Paragraph (1), (1)(B), and (3)(A)**

**Original Review:**            **January 2006**

**Revised Date:**              **July 2011**

**Subject:**                      **Specification of Default Coating Category**

**Issue:**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has been made aware of an inquiry regarding the default coating category.

The following section is referred to as the default coating category.

**Current Rule Language:**

Section (c)(1) states that "...no person shall supply, sell, offer for sale, market, manufacture, blend, repackage, apply, store at a worksite, or solicit the application of any architectural coating within the District:

- (B) That is not listed in the Table of Standards 1, and contains VOC (excluding any colorant added to tint bases) in excess of 250 grams of VOC per liter of coating (2.08 pounds per gallon), less water, less exempt compounds, until January 1, 2014, at which time the limit drops to 50 grams of VOC per liter of coating, less water, less exempt compounds (0.42 pounds per gallon).

**Analysis:**

The default coating category applies to any coating that is not listed in the [Table of Standards 1](#) or defined in the [Definitions section](#) (except flat and non-flat categories). The following are some examples of coatings that fall under the default category: Dry-Erase Coatings, Chalkboard Coatings, and Magnetic Board Coatings. Default coatings are a special type of paint intended to cover small areas for specialty uses. The aforementioned coatings are typically sold in one-liter containers or less and therefore are exempt from the VOC limits per to Rule 1113 (f)(1), the small container exemption.

**Conclusion:**

The default coating VOC limit is 250 g/L (50 g/L after January 1, 2014). Also, section (c)(3)(A) explains that if any sticker or label affixed on the container of the coating, any sales or advertising literature, or any representation is made that the coating may be used as, or is suitable for use as, a coating that is listed in the Table of Standards 1 with a lower VOC limit than the default category, then the lowest VOC standard shall apply.

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