



## ADVISORY NOTICE

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

**Original Review:** January 2006

**Revised Date:** August 2018

**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:**

Rule 1113 section (c)(4)(A) states "...any coating that is manufactured prior to the effective date of the applicable limit specified in the Table of Standards 1, and that has a VOC content above that limit (but not above the limit in effect on the date of manufacture), may be sold, supplied, offered for sale, or applied for up to three years after the specified effective date."

Rule 1113 section (c)(4)(B) states "...any coating sold in a one-liter or smaller container that has a VOC content above the applicable limit specified in the Table of Standards 1 for that coating, which is manufactured prior to the effective date of the elimination or restriction of the small container exemption listed in subparagraph (f)(1)(B) through (f)(1)(E), may be sold, supplied, offered for sale, or applied for up to two years after the specified date."

Rule 1113 section (f)(1) states "...the provisions of the Table of Standards 1 and paragraph (c)(1) of this rule shall not apply to architectural coatings in containers having capacities of one liter (1.057 quart) or less..."

**Analysis:**

The default coating category applies to any coating that is not 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 default coating category is now defined within the Table of Standards 1; which is 50 grams per liter. Standard small container exemptions (SCE) apply as defined within Rule 1113.

**Conclusion:**

The default coating VOC limit is 50 g/L. Also, Rule 1113, section (c)(3)(A) states "...if anywhere on the container of any coating listed in either Table of Standards, on any sticker or label affixed thereto, or in any sales or advertising literature, any representation is made that the coating may be used as, or is suitable for use as, a coating for which a lower VOC standard is specified in the table or in paragraph (c)(1), then the lowest VOC standard shall apply." SCE would then apply according to what is defined for the coating with the lowest VOC standard within the Table of Standards 1.

Comments or questions regarding Rule 1113 should be directed to [areasources@aqmd.gov](mailto:areasources@aqmd.gov) or call the Area Source team at 909-396-2390.