



ADVISORY NOTICE

Rule 1168: Section (b) Paragraph (10) and (82); Section (c) Paragraph (1)

Original Review: August 2005

Revised Date: August 2018

Subject: Regulatory Interpretation of Spackling Paste

Issue:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has been made aware of an uncertainty in the regulation of spackling paste as an architectural coating.

Current Rule Language:

Rule 1168 section (b)(82) defines sealant as “any material with adhesive properties that is designed to fill, seal, waterproof, or weatherproof gaps or joints between two surfaces. Sealants include caulks.”

Rule 1168 section (b)(10) defines architectural application as “is the use of a regulated product on stationary structures, including mobile homes, and their appurtenances.”

Rule 1168 section (c)(1) Table 1 – Regulated Product Categories and VOC Limits specifies the VOC limits for architectural sealants depending on the category. Spackling Paste does not have a specific VOC limit, therefore, the category is “All Other Architectural Sealants” shall apply with an allowable VOC limit of 250 grams per liter until 01/01/2019 then the limit will be reduced to 50 grams per liter.

Conclusion:

Spackling paste is considered an architectural sealant regulated under Rule 1168 – *Adhesive and Sealant Applications* and does not fall under [Rule 1113](#) – *Architectural Coatings*.

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