



ADVISORY NOTICE

Rule 1113: Sections (b), Section (d) Paragraphs (1) and (3); Section (f) Paragraph (2)

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Subject: Labeling Requirements

Issue:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has received inquiries regarding labeling requirements applicable to the architectural coatings rule.

Current Rule Language:

Rule 1113 section (d)(3) specifies the requirements for labeling VOC content of coatings as follows “...each container of any coating, or any colorant manufactured on and after January 1, 2017, subject to this rule shall display the maximum VOC content in grams per liter, as follows:

- (A) For coatings or colorants packaged in a single container, the VOC per liter of coating (less water and less exempt compounds, and excluding any colorant added to the tint base) as supplied, after any recommended thinning;
- (B) For multi-component coatings, the VOC per liter of coating (less water and exempt compounds, and excluding any colorant added to the tint base) after mixing the components, as recommended for use by the architectural coatings manufacturer;
- (C) For concentrates, the VOC per liter of coating (less water and exempt compounds, and excluding any colorant added to the tint base) at the minimum dilution recommended for use by the architectural coatings manufacturer;
- (D) For low solids coatings, the VOC per liter of material (excluding any colorant added to the tint bases) after any recommended thinning; and
- (E) VOC content displayed may be calculated using product formulation data, or may be determined using the test method in subdivision (e). VOC content calculated from formulation data shall be adjusted by the manufacturer to account for cure volatiles (if any) and maximum VOC content within production batches. The VOC content shall be displayed on the coating container such that the required language is:
 - (i) Noticeable and in clear and legible English;
 - (ii) Separated from other text; and
 - (iii) Conspicuous, as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices in the label as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use.

Rule 1113 section (d)(4) specifies “...the labels of all rust preventative coatings shall prominently display the statement “For Metal Substrates Only”.

Rule 1113 section (d)(5) specifies “...the labels of all specialty primers shall prominently display one or more of the following descriptions:

- (A) For fire-damaged substrates.
- (B) For smoke-damaged substrates.

- (C) For water-damaged substrates.
- (D) For excessively chalky substrates.

Rule 1113 section (d)(6) specifies "...the labels of concrete-curing compounds manufactured and used for roadways and bridges shall prominently display the statement "FOR ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES ONLY (Not for Use on Curbs and Gutters, Sidewalks, Islands, Driveways and Other Miscellaneous Concrete Areas)"."

Rule 1113 section (d)(7) specifies "...all Clear Topcoat for Faux Finishing coatings shall prominently display the statement "This product can only be sold as a part of a Faux Finishing coating system"."

Rule 1113 section (d)(1) specifies "...containers for all coatings, or any colorants manufactured on and after January 1, 2017, subject to this rule shall display the date of manufacture of the contents or a code indicating the date of manufacture. The manufacturers of such coatings or colorants shall file with the Executive Officer of the District and the Executive Officer of the Air Resources Board an explanation of each code."

The following exemption applies:

Rule 1113 section (f)(2) states "...the provisions of subparagraph (d)(1) through (d)(7) shall not apply to architectural coatings in containers having capacities of two fluid ounces (59mL) or less."

Conclusion:

VOC content and date codes must be included on the coating label or container for any architectural coating having a capacity greater than two fluid ounces. After January 1, 2014, VOCs must be in specific format.

Labeling requirements for specific coatings categories can be found on the [Coating Category Definitions](#) web page and in sections (b) and (d) of Rule 1113.

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