

## ***Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Architectural Coatings Regulations***

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Environment Canada has participated in an international initiative aimed at controlling or eliminating the use of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) in the automotive refinishing industry. Effective on September 9, 2010 the regulations will expand to cover an additional 47 categories of products under the **architectural coatings regulations** and will cover sales and imports of these compounds when used as specified.

Although we understand that Environment Canada has consulted for the past 3 or 4 years with this business sector, that consultation has not effectively penetrated to the trade sector and therefore, from that perspective has not been publicized. To our knowledge and understanding there are as yet no Canada Border Services Agency Regulations in place covering this issue.

Following is a link to the Canada Gazette Notice:

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2008/2008-04-26/html/reg1-eng.html>