

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

Automotive Refinishing Products Regulations

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The reference below was published by Environment Canada in the Canada Gazette.

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. The new regulations became effective on June 18 2010 and 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 the Automotive Refinishing business sector, that consultation has not effectively penetrated to the trade sector and therefore, from that perspective has slipped in “under the radar”. 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://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2009/2009-07-08/html/sor-dors197-eng.html>