

VOC UPDATE

NEW VOC LAWS EFFECTIVE IN CONNECTICUT MAY 1, 2008!

The New Regulations

New VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) regulations for paints go into effect on 5/1/08 in Connecticut. These regulations are similar to those that were implemented in 2005 in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC and northern Virginia, in 2006 in Maine and in 2007 in New Hampshire.

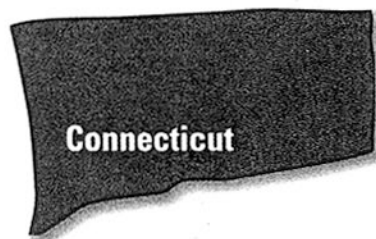
The regulations were established upon recommendations by the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC), which was formed by Congress in 1990. The Commission's goal is to reduce ground-level ozone and improve air quality in the Northeast.

Under the new regulations, lower VOC limits will be in effect for 53 coatings categories, such as flats, non-flats, primers, stains, varnishes and industrial maintenance

coatings. All coatings sold or used within Connecticut must comply with the new VOC limits. Many existing oil-based primers and finishes are not compliant with the regulations and are being replaced by low VOC versions.

Although the new OTC regulations are effective beginning 5/1/08 in Connecticut, there are certain exemptions which are important to users. These exemptions are:

- ❶ Container size of one quart or smaller
- ❷ Aerosols
- ❸ Coatings that are shop-applied
- ❹ Coatings manufactured prior to 5/1/08



New regulations for architectural and industrial coatings impact Connecticut.

How The New VOC Regulations Affect You

- **By law, painting contractors must use only OTC-compliant coatings in their field work in Connecticut beginning 5/1/08.**
- **Painting contractors are responsible for ensuring that their employees comply with the regulations.**
- **It is unlawful for coatings suppliers to distribute any non-compliant coatings in regulated areas.**