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Draft Regulatory Concept for Paint Strippers containing Methylene Chloride

Product description:

"Paint Stripper" includes any product that contains methylene chloride and that may be marketed, sold, or described as a paint or varnish stripper designed to break down paint or varnish to facilitate its removal from a surface. Such products may be designed for indoor or outdoor use, and can be used to remove varnish or paint from any chosen surface. Paint strippers and other products are included in Brick 10002501 of the GS1 Global Product Classification System. This product category includes, but is not limited to, any products which may be marketed, sold, or described as paint or varnish removers that the manufacturer has identified as being in Brick 10002501 of the GS1 Global Product Classification System. However, products that may be marketed, sold, or described as paint or varnish strippers are included in this definition, regardless of whether the manufacturer has identified them as being in Brick 10002501.

Other similar products that are excluded:

This product category expressly excludes Paints, Special Purpose Paints, Paint Additives/Enhancers, Paint Thinners, Sandpaper and other Abrasives, and any cleaning products in which the use of methylene chloride is prohibited under the California Air Resources Board's Regulation for Reducing Emissions from Consumer Products.

While the Priority Product Profile contained a reference to surface cleaners, DTSC is not including them in this draft regulatory concept in efforts to provide clarity and to avoid overlap with existing regulations governing various cleaners and surface cleaners.

Chemical of Concern:

Methylene chloride, Chemical Abstract Services Registry Number (CAS RN):
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