



Directive 2004/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the limitation of emissions of volatile organic compounds due to the use of organic solvents in decorative paints and varnishes and vehicle refinishing products and amending Directive 1999/13/EC

**CEPE guideline on labelling (Article 4)
“Professional use only” paints (including joinery products)**

Requirements

VOC directive 2004/42/EC article 4 is asking for labelling “Professional use only” paints set out in Annex I-1.

The label shall indicate:

- The subcategory of the product
- The relevant VOC limits values in g/l as referred to in Annex II
- The maximum content of VOC in g/l of the product in a ready to use condition

CEPE is well aware of the purpose of this article being a tool of decision for the customer of “the professional use only” paints as well as a control of VOC compliant products.

Proposal

To meet these requirements CEPE proposes for “the professional use only” paints covered by this directive to put on the label the well known pictogram of Technical Data Sheet (TDS) in combination with the following code e.g.:

2004/42/IIA(d)(300)260

indicating a product in subcategory IIA (d), with an allowed limit of 300 g/l VOC (limit value from 1.1.2010) and a maximum VOC content ready to use of 260 g/l of the labelled product.

The pictogram indicates that the explanation will be found in the TDS.

The text in the TDS should be:

"The EU limit value for this product (product category: IIA.d) in ready to use form is max 300 g/litre of VOC.

The VOC content of this product in ready to use form is max 260 g/l."

Justification

- “Professional use only” paints as set out in Annex I-1 are developed and sold only for professionals.
- These customers make their decision to buy a product by means of:
 - o 1st: Technical Data Sheet
 - o 2nd: Testing the material
- Professional painters are familiar with pictograms and codes.

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