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November 11, 2019

**Re: Discontinuation of paint and coating removal products containing methylene chloride**

Dear Valued Customer:

The purpose of this letter is to reiterate our commitment to the discontinuation of sales and distribution of consumer paint and coating removal products containing methylene chloride (the "Products") and to remind you of certain regulatory obligations that take effect later this year. Effective August 9, 2019, Sprayon, Duplicolor, VHT has ceased the manufacture and distribution of these Products in the United States. This action is the result of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final rule banning the distribution and sale of paint and coating removal products containing methylene chloride for consumer use.<sup>1</sup> A list of discontinued Products is attached.

We feel it bears repeating that the EPA's final rule expressly prohibits the manufacturing, processing, and distribution in commerce of methylene chloride for paint and coating removal for all consumer uses after November 22, 2019. Thus, any sale or distribution of Products for consumer use must end on or before November 22, 2019. We encourage you to review the final rule, which also includes certain recordkeeping and notification requirements already in effect, to determine how the rule may impact you.

We are continually developing alternative paint and coating removal products, formulated without methylene chloride, that are available for purchase. Please feel free to reach out to your Sprayon sales representative for more information about these products.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/27/2019-05666/methylene-chloride-regulation-of-paint-and-coating-removal-for-consumer-use-under-tsca-section-6a>



### Appendix I

The following paint stripper products are no longer being manufactured and should be removed from retail distribution and sales channels by November 22, 2019. We strongly encourage you to read and comply with any requirements as it relates to your business compliance:

Brand	Product Number	Description	Replacement	Replacement Description
Sprayon	SC0615000	SP615 Heavy Duty Paint Remover	S00915000	SP915 MC Free Paint Stripper
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Duplicolor	EST100	Paint Stripper		
Duplicolor	722921	Paint Stripper		
VHT	ESP575000	Strip Fast		

### Appendix II

In addition to the products in Appendix I, Sherwin-Williams will no longer manufacture the following Welding Anti-Spatters (Note: these are not part of the recent EPA Ban). We believe this action is being taken in the best interest of our customers given recent developments in the market and regulatory environment:

Brand	Product Number	Description	Replacement	Replacement Description
Sprayon	SC0541000	WL541 A MC Dry Weld Anti Spatter	SC0941000	WL941 Dry Weld Spatter Protectant
Sprayon	S00541000	WL541 A MC Dry Weld Anti Spatter	SC0941000	WL941 Dry Weld Spatter Protectant
Sprayon	SC0542000	WL542 A MC Wet Weld Anti Spatter	SC0942000	WL942 Wet Weld Spatter Protectant
Sprayon	S00542000	WL542 A MC Wet Weld Anti Spatter	SC0941000	WL942 Wet Weld Spatter Protectant