

PAINT SUPPLIER INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. Clarification Regarding Industrial Paint

The following explanation is provided to help clarify the definition of industrial paint and whether or not the environmental fee applies to a product based on the use of the term “**industrial**”. The purpose of the industrial use exemption is to identify paint products that are chemically formulated in a way that excludes them from being processed through our program. It is important to note that the definition is focused entirely on the chemical makeup of the product and not on the type of customers these products are supplied to or its intended application.

Eligible Paint

- a) Environmental fees are to be charged on:
 - i. Eligible paint sold to *retail, commercial, institutional, or **industrial** customers for use as architectural coatings on their buildings and other similar surfaces.*
 - ii. Eligible paint that has the term “**industrial**” in its name or description.

- b) Eligible paint includes but is not limited to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - interior and exterior latex and alkyd paints - stains - varnishes - urethanes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - primers, undercoats, sealers, lacquers, enamels, metal paints, paint aerosols, solvents, thinners, mineral spirits - strippers for paint, coatings & wallpaper
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- c) Some examples of eligible paint used by industrial customers on their buildings and other similar surfaces:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard single component enamels - Rust preventative coating - Swimming pool coating - Standard marine enamel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dry fog coating - Fire-retardant/resistive coating - Water-based elastomeric coatings
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Ineligible Paint

- a) The environmental fees do not apply to coatings that are “**specially formulated for industrial application**”. Following are some examples of coatings (non-aerosol) for your reference:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacted-immersion coatings - Quick dry enamels - Heat reactive coatings - Nuclear coatings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-component coatings requiring catalyzing reaction - Thermoplastic rubber, mastic or bituminous coatings - High temperature coatings
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For further information on product eligibility, please visit the [Eligible Products & Fees](#) page on our website or contact our office via email at paint@albertarecycling.ca.

2. Invoices

- a) **Supplier Invoice** - the fee is to be included on invoices for sales of eligible paint products between a supplier and reseller.
- b) **Retail Invoice** – visible fees increase public awareness, transparency, and accountability, but are not mandatory.

3. Disposal of Unsold Paint

Environmental fees apply to unsold eligible paint products including mistints, frozen and expired material that is disposed of in Alberta. The fees are required to cover the cost of recycling.

4. Supplies Outside of Alberta

Environmental fees do not apply to paint products shipped directly outside of Alberta. The invoice must clearly state the out-of-province address and name of the carrier.

Supplies of paint products to points outside of Alberta do not have to be reported to Paint Recycling Alberta, however, records of exempt transactions must be kept in case of an audit or investigation.

Please note that when an out-of-province resident buys eligible paint products in Alberta, the environmental fee applies.