

HSP Designated Material Clarification – Paint Solvents

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Background

Alberta Recycling Management Authority (“ARMA”), as the Extended Producer Responsibility (“EPR”) Oversight Authority, may provide guidance on the scope of the Hazardous and Special Products (“HSP”) where necessary.

Products Identified for Reviewed

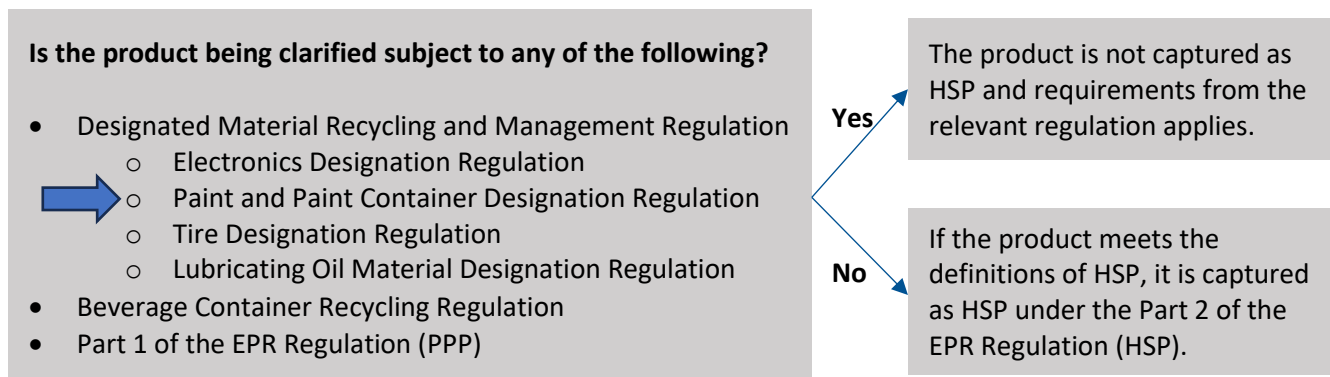
The purpose of this notice is to provide clarification on the following products:

- paint solvents, thinners, and mineral spirits
- paint strippers

Clarification

Solvents, thinners, mineral spirits, and paint strippers intended for uses related to paint are currently designated materials under the paint stewardship program, subject to environmental fees. Therefore, they are not subject to the *Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation* (AR 194/2022) (“EPR Regulation”) as HSP.

This conclusion is in alignment with section 22(3)(a) of the EPR Regulation which states that the EPR Regulation does not apply to designated materials subject to the *Designated Material Recycling and Management Regulation* (AR 93/2004) (“DMRMR”). This means that any designated materials managed by ARMA’s stewardship programs under the DMRMR are excluded from EPR in Alberta as illustrated in the diagram below.



ARMA upholds the intent of the Government of Alberta to implement new EPR systems for materials that are not regulated by existing legislative frameworks with minimal impact to current programs.

Inquiries

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