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To our HMK Distributors, Dealers and Contractors:

As you may know, the sale and use of our products has been regulated in certain areas of the United States due to recent VOC laws and restrictions. We want to keep you updated on these regulations and are offering these guidelines in an effort to educate our distributors regarding the sometimes confusing VOC issue. These guidelines are a result of meticulous research of the VOC laws in the affected states and are effective immediately. HMK strongly recommends following these guidelines as distributors in violation of these laws could be subject to fines and penalties from the cities & counties listed below.

HMK Solvent base products: P6 P7 P25 P28 - S31 S34 S35 S37 S39 S41 S42 S43 S44 - R52 R80 (R54)

VOC Restricted Areas:

Northeastern US: (Northeast Ozone Transport Commission)

Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, D.C., Virginia counties are: Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, and recently Fredericksburg.

You can buy sell or use the HMK solvent base products in the Northeastern states as long as they are contained in 1L sizes or less. You cannot buy sell or use the HMK solvents in the 5L or 10L containers, only the 1L size or less.

California: (California Air Resources Board)

You can buy sell or use the HMK solvent base products in the California as long as they are contained in 1L sizes or less. You cannot buy sell or use the HMK solvents in the 5L or 10L containers, only the 1L size or less.

Exception in California: Los Angeles: (South Coast Air Quality Management District)

In the following California counties: *Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernadino, and Riverside*, use and/or sale of HMK solvents is prohibited. You cannot buy sell or use **any** of the HMK solvent based products, though distributors can warehouse HMK solvents as long as they are meant to be used or sold outside of the LA area.

Lake Michigan Area: (Lake Michigan Air Director's Consortium)

Illinois & Ohio:

You can buy sell or use HMK solvent base products in Illinois & Ohio as long as they are contained in 1L sizes or less. You cannot buy sell or use the HMK solvents in the 5L or 10L containers, only the 1L size or less.

Indiana:

No restrictions, though Indiana is working on its own rule with an expected effective date in 2010.

Wisconsin & Michigan:

No restrictions, Wisconsin and Michigan currently operate under the US EPA rule.

There are no restrictions regarding the HMK solvents in the other U.S. States.

The following products have no restrictions and can be sold anywhere in the United States in any size due to the fact that they are not solvent base:

HMK (non-solvent) green products: P1 P19 P21 P23 P24 P26 - R55 R59 R60 R63 R65 R69 R77 - S32

The issues concerning voc regulation are many and complex. Please contact us if you are interested in getting a more in depth perspective. For information on environmentally safe HMK products check out the HMK Green Line. We thank you for your attention to this matter and wish you continued success as an HMK distributor. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (800) 424-2465 Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.