



For many northeast and mid-Atlantic states, new VOC limits for architectural coatings will be imposed beginning January 1, 2005.

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC), which is made up of thirteen northeast and mid-Atlantic states developed a model architectural coatings VOC rule to further reduce VOC limits in an effort to meet the clean air requirements set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia have compliance dates of January 1, 2005. With the exception of Virginia, all of these states have included the Conversion Varnish category with a VOC limit of 725 in their rules. All states have a 350 VOC limit for Varnishes and Sanding Sealers and a 250 limit for Stains. This means that all of Glitsa's products, Swedish and Waterborne finishes, are compliant and will be available in gallon and 5-gallon containers.

Connecticut currently has no plans to develop their own rule and will continue to comply with the Federal AIM/VOC rule.

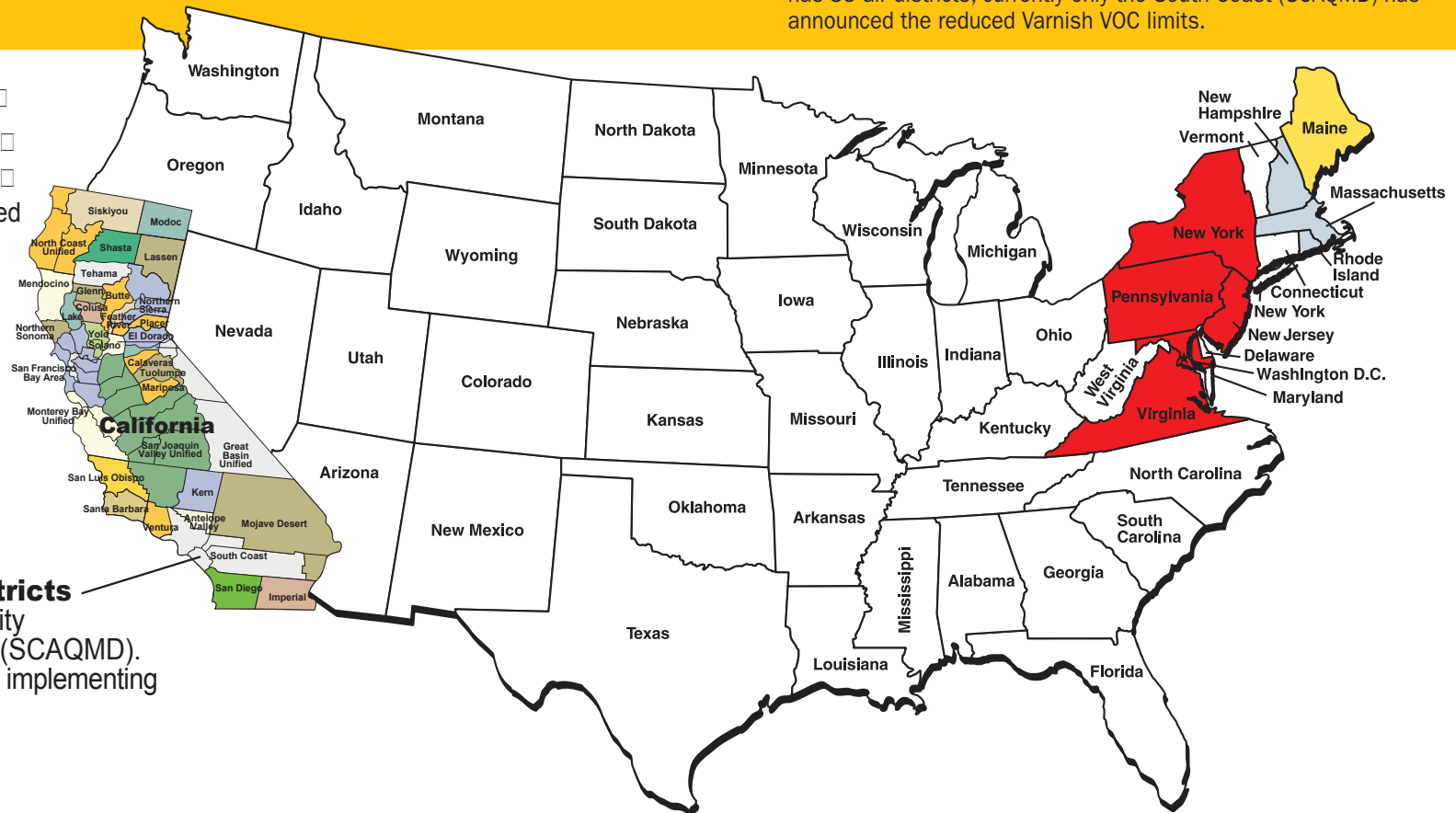
Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont are considering or have proposed their own rules.

Specific VOC information for each state is provided on the back of this page.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) in California have updated their VOC limits for architectural coatings that will take effect July 1, 2006. The new limit for Varnishes will be 275 and the current quart exemption will be eliminated. California has 35 air districts, currently only the South Coast (SCAQMD) has announced the reduced Varnish VOC limits.

Implementation Dates


- January 1, 2005
- January 1, 2006
- To Be Determined



California Air Districts
 South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).
 Changes to VOC Rule implementing on July 1, 2006

AIM VOC REGULATIONS for OTC States

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Coating Category	CT	DE	D.C.	ME	MD	MA	NH	NJ	NY	PA	RI	VT	VA
Adopted or Adopting New Rule (Y/N)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pending	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pending	Undecided	Y
Implementation Date	N/A	1/1/05	1/1/05	1/1/06	1/1/05	TBD	TBD	1/1/05	1/1/05	1/1/05	TBD	TBD	1/1/05
 Conversion Varnish Limit	725	725	725	725	725	725	725	725	725	725	725	725	N/A
Varnish Limit	450	350	350	350	350	450	450	350	350	350	450	450	350
Sanding Sealer Limit	550	350	350	350	350	550	550	350	350	350	550	550	350
Quart Exemption (Y/N)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Notes	Comply with Federal AIM/VOC Rule CT is not persuing their own rule	Can sell product manufactured before 1/1/05	Can sell product manufactured before 1/1/03 through 12/31/06	Comply with Federal AIM/VOC Rule. ME is developing an AIM/VOC rule patterned after the OTC model rule. Compliance date will probably be 1/1/06 or later.	Can sell product manufactured before 1/1/05.	Comply with Federal AIM/VOC Rule. MA intends to adopt the OTC model rule but has not begun to develop the regulation yet.	Comply with Federal AIM/VOC Rule. NH intends to develop a VOC rule patterned after the OTC model rule. They believe a compliance date will be set for 1/1/06 or later.	Statewide Rule	Statewide Rule	Statewide Rule	Comply with Federal AIM/VOC Rule. They do not have their amended rule drafted yet.	Comply with Federal AIM/VOC Rule.	Northern VA only: Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford Counties; Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park cities. Can sell product manufactured before 1/1/05 to sell through 12/31/07