

- Dichloromethane  
in Paint Strippers

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# Legal Texts

- Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 repealed and replaced Directive 76/769/EEC with effect from 1 June 2009. Annex XVII to that Regulation replaces Annex I to Directive 76/769/EEC.
- Decision No 455/2009/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 76/769/EEC as regards restrictions on the marketing and use of dichloromethane was adopted on 6 May 2009.
- The restriction provided for by Decision 455/2009/EC were included in Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 by means of the following:
  - COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 276/2010 of 31 March 2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards Annex XVII (dichloromethane, lamp oils and grill lighter fluids and organostannic compounds)

# Entry 59 of Annex XVII to REACH: Dichloromethane *CAS No: 75-09-2 EC No: 200-838-9*

- Paint strippers containing dichloromethane (DCM) in a concentration  $\geq 0,1$  % by weight shall **not** be:
  - placed on the market for the **first time** for supply to the general public or to professionals after 6 December 2010;
  - placed on the market for supply to the general public or to professionals after 6 December 2011;
  - used by professionals after 6 June 2012.
- *Professional - any natural or legal person, including workers and self-employed workers undertaking paint stripping in the course of their professional activity outside an industrial installation (a facility used for paint stripping activities)*

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- Paint strippers containing DCM in a concentration  $\geq 0,1$  % by weight may be used in industrial installations only if the following minimum conditions are met:
  - effective ventilation in all processing areas;
  - measures to minimise evaporation from strip tanks;
  - measures for the safe handling of dichloromethane in strip tanks comprising;
    - personal protective equipment;
    - adequate information, instruction and training for operators in the use of such equipment.

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- As regards the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, by 6 December 2011 paint strippers containing DCM in a concentration  $\geq 0,1$  % by weight shall be visibly, legibly and indelibly marked as follows:
  - “Restricted to industrial use and to professionals approved in certain EU Member States — verify where use is allowed.”*

**Thank you for your Attention!**

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