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IPS Adhesives is aware of the Methylene Chloride: Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act Final Rule issued on May 8, 2024, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). While the rule becomes effective on July 8, 2024, the early months only require manufacturers, processors, and distributors to keep all business records concerning methylene chloride. The subsequent compliance requirement begins on **February 3, 2025**, when all persons are prohibited from distributing methylene chloride-containing products to consumers and retailers, including e-commerce.

The EPA's final rule allows the use of methylene chloride for solvent welding by industrial and commercial users only, with the implementation of an extensive Workplace Chemical Protection Plan (WCPP). The WCPP consists of employee monitoring, reporting, documentation, and more extensive respiratory protection and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The EPA will release guidance documents on their WCPP provisions later.

For more information, including a link to the final rule, please visit the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-management-methylene-chloride>.

This ruling affects Weld-On® #3, #4, #4SC, and #16 and Sci-Grip® #16 acrylic solvent cements. No other IPS Adhesives or Weld-On products in North America are affected by this ruling. The applicable compliance dates are as follows:

Action	Date
<b>Recordkeeping: ordinary business records demonstrating compliance with restrictions</b>	7/5/2024
All persons - distribution in commerce to retailers	2/3/2025
All retailers - distribution in commerce	5/5/2025
Manufacturers of methylene chloride for banned uses	5/5/2025
WCPP: Initial employee exposure monitoring	5/5/2025
Processors of methylene chloride for banned uses	8/1/2025
WCPP: Compliance with other provisions	8/1/2025
WCPP: Exposure Control Plan required	10/30/2025
All industrial/commercial uses other than laboratory & solvent welding	1/28/2026

IPS Adhesives continues to be committed to EPA compliance and is actively working to address the new regulation with alternative formulations that meet the regulation while maintaining performance. At this time, we urge customers to remain patient and proceed as usual – the implementation date for the change is still many months away, and ordering patterns should proceed as normal. We will proactively let you know when the time is right to make adjustments.

Thank you for your continued partnership with us. Your support and understanding during this transition are greatly appreciated.