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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued final rulings regulating the use of methylene chloride (DCM) and trichloroethylene (TCE) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), addressing their unreasonable risk to health and the environment. Five (5) IPS Adhesive products - Weld-On® #3, #4, #4SC, and #16 and SCIGRIP® #16 acrylic solvent cements - contained one or both of the chemicals and were impacted by these rulings.

In response to the EPA rulings, IPS Adhesives developed new DCM-free and TCE-free formulations for the affected products. We have already tested to confirm that our newly-formulated products meet regulations and perform as well or better than the previous versions. The new products will be available in accordance with the EPA timelines and your ordering patterns should proceed as normal with no further action required.

Additional information regarding the new EPA regulations and associated timelines is noted below.

Effective on July 8, 2024, manufacturers, processors, and distributors were required to keep all business records concerning methylene chloride (DCM). On February 3, 2025, all persons were prohibited from distributing DCM-containing products to consumers and retailers, including e-commerce.

The EPA's final rule allows the use of DCM for solvent welding by industrial and commercial users only, with the implementation of an extensive Workplace Chemical Protection Plan (WCPP). Manufacturers are required to cease the production of methylene chloride by **May 5, 2025** and the processing and distribution of the chemical by **August 1, 2025**.

The EPA published final risk management rules restricting the manufacture (including import), processing, and distribution in commerce of trichloroethylene (TCE) on December 17, 2024. The final rule bans all uses of TCE beginning on March 17, 2025.

Manufacturers are subsequently prohibited from processing and distributing TCE into commerce by **August 16, 2025** and customers are restricting from industrial and commercial use of TCE-containing products by **November 15, 2025**.

The above rulings affect Weld-On® #3, #4, #4SC, and #16 and SCIGRIP® #16 acrylic solvent cements. No other IPS Adhesives or Weld-On products in North America are affected by these rulings.

Action	Date
Recordkeeping: ordinary business records demonstrating compliance with restrictions*	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
TCE prohibited from manufacture, import and export **	5/17/2025

Processors of methylene chloride for banned uses*	8/1/2025
WCPP: Compliance with other provisions*	8/1/2025
TCE prohibited from processing and distributing into commerce**	8/16/2025
All retailers prohibited from distributing TCE-containing products**	8/16/2025
WCPP: Exposure Control Plan required*	10/30/2025
Customers prohibited from Industrial and Commercial use of TCE-containing products**	11/15/2025
All industrial/commercial uses other than laboratory & solvent welding*	1/28/2026

* Methylene Chloride

** Trichlorethylene (TCE)

IPS Adhesives continues to be committed to EPA compliance and superior product quality. We thank you for your continued partnership and understanding during this transition.