

REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.3, the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests that the amendments to sections 94509, 94513, and 94514, Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

Section 41712 of the California Health and Safety Code requires the ARB to adopt regulations to achieve the maximum feasible reduction in volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted by consumer products. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 41712, the Board has adopted the Regulation for Reducing VOC Emissions from Consumer Products (the "consumer products regulation"; sections 94507-94517, Title 17, CCR). This regulation currently specifies a 55 percent VOC standard for hairsprays, effective January 1, 1998. The proposed amendments postpone the effective date of the 55 percent VOC standard from January 1, 1998 until June 1, 1999. The amendments also require hairspray manufacturers to submit plans demonstrating progress toward compliance with the 55 standard. These plans are due on or before January 1, 1998.

Both of the amendments described above involve the date of January 1, 1998. This date is fast approaching. It is important that the amendments become effective as soon as possible so that hairspray manufacturers will have certainty about what regulatory requirements they will face. For this reason, an early effective date is necessary.

Date: _____

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