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HSIA STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUED USE OF METHYLENE CHLORIDE-BASED PAINT STRIPPERS

HSIA believes there is a need for the continued use of methylene chloride-based paint strippers. When used as directed, they are the best products for efficient and effective paint removal. These paint strippers have been safely used by customers for more than 60 years.

Methylene chloride-based paint strippers were developed decades ago in response to the fire and explosion risks posed by alternatives. It would be unfortunate if now methylene chloride-based paint strippers are replaced by substitutes that have issues with flammability, increased toxicity and efficacy.

HSIA supports a ban on the use of methylene chloride-based paint strippers for bathtub refinishing due to severely limited space for adequate ventilation when using the product. HSIA led the effort to enhance product labeling to clearly warn against use in this application. HSIA supports the continued safe use of methylene chloride-based paint strippers through education, labeling and other means.