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HSIA FILES PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF EPA'S RULE BANNING THE SALE OF METHYLENE CHLORIDE-BASED PAINT STRIPPERS

Today, the Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc. (HSIA) filed a petition in the U. S. Court of Appeals for the D. C. Circuit for judicial review of a rule recently issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ban the sale of methylene chloride-based paint stripping products to consumers.

HSIA is not challenging the consumer ban but rather the unintended impact of the rule on sources of supply for commercial use. Although EPA's stated intent was to limit sales to consumers, who are defined as persons who use such products for personal use without receiving any payment, the rule as written also eliminates the principal sources of supply for commercial users and small businesses, such as contractors, artisans, antique restorers, for whom these products are the only realistic choice for paint and lacquer removal, but who are not in a position to purchase the product in bulk quantities. It is this aspect of the regulation that HSIA is challenging.