

Solvent Regulations.

Organic solvents are used in many activities and industrial processes and contain Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's). VOC's are air pollutants which can have detrimental effects on human health and they also have harmful environmental effects when they interact chemically with oxides of nitrogen and sunlight to form ground-level ozone. Other sources of VOC's include vehicle emissions, fuel combustion and domestic solvent usage.

The Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds Regulations (referred to as the Solvents Regulations, S.I. No. 543 of 2002) were introduced in November 2002 to limit such VOC emissions and to combat these harmful effects. The Solvent Regulations require a large section of Irish businesses which use solvents or solvent containing material as part of their operations, to determine if the regulations apply to them, and if so, obtain a Certificate of Compliance by October 31st 2007. This depends on the business sector and the type and amount of solvent used annually. The following list outlines the main business sectors that come under the remit of these regulations;

- Dry Cleaning
- Pharmaceutical Formulation
- Painting/ coating of products
- Surface cleaning of products
- Adhesive Coating
- Wood and/or plastic lamination
- Shoe Manufacture
- Printing

Deco-Paints Regulations and Vehicle Refinishing:

The Limitation of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds due to the Use of Organic Solvents in Certain Paints, Varnishes and Vehicle Refinishing Products Regulations (referred to as the Deco Paints Regulations S.I. No. 199 of 2007) were introduced in May 2007 and amends the 1999 Solvents Directive so that the

activity of vehicle refinishing for repair is no longer regulated under the Solvent Regulations. On and from the 1st March 2008 it shall be an offence to operate a vehicle refinishing installation without a current Certificate of Compliance.

The following list outlines the main business sectors that come under the remit of these regulations;

- Vehicle Repair & Recoating
- Manufacturers, Distributors and Retailers of Paint Products

Note:

The full list and details of the premises that come under the remit of these regulations can be found by clicking on the links detailed under the Further Information heading below.

Accredited Inspection Contractor (AIC)

A system known as the Accredited Inspection Contractor (AIC) System, together with the IPPC system for larger facilities operated by the EPA, will be used to implement these Regulations. Obligated facilities are required to have an AIC review their operations and obtain a compliant AIC report prior to applying for a Certificate of Approval. AIC inspections must be carried out and a new Certificate of Approval obtained on an annual basis for premises under the Solvent Regulations and every two years for premises under the Deco Paint Regulations.

Certificate of Approval

An AIC report demonstrating compliance with the regulations must be submitted to Roscommon County Council, together with the completed registration form and a fee of €50. On the basis of this documentation Roscommon County Council will decide to issue or to refuse to issue a Certificate of Approval with/without Conditions within 21 days of receipt. An application for renewal of a Certificate of Approval shall be made not less than 28 days prior to the expiry of the current certificate.

Solvent Register

Name	Address	Certification Expiration Date
Tulsk Dry Cleaners	Tulsk, Co. Roscommon	31/10/2011
Connaught Dry Cleaners	Castle Street, Roscommon	31/10/2011
Lookwell Dry Cleaners	Main Street, Boyle	31/10/2011
Klassic Dry Cleaners	Church Street, Roscommon	31/10/2011
Martin's Dry Cleaners	New Street, Ballaghaderreen	31/10/2011

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Name	Address	Certification Expiration Date
Joseph Flynn t/a Flynn Crash Repairs	Mockmoyne, Boyle, Co. Roscommon	01/03/2012
Gerry Gill t/a Gerry Gill Crash Repairs	Fuerty, Roscommon	01/03/2012
Gerard Tansey t/a Tansey Crash Repairs	Carrowkeel, Elphin	01/03/2012
Anthony Scanlon t/a Anthony Scanlon Crash Repairs	Fourmile House, Roscommon	01/03/2012
Eugene O'Connell Motors	Main Street, Castlerea	01/03/2012
Raymond Donoghue Crash repairs	Cooly, Castlecoote, Roscommon	01/03/2012
Patrick Cunningham Panel Beating	Duogue, Athlone	01/03/2012
Roscommon Crash Repairs t/a Casey's Roscommon	Casey's Roscommon, Lanesboro Road, Roscommon	31/03/2012
Hanly Motors	Lanesboro Road, Roscommon	13/07/2012
Athlone Nissan	New Tuam Road, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	18/06/2012
Michael Burke Garage	Clashaganny, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon	17/09/2012
Denis Repairs	Monksland Industrial Estate, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	21/09/2012
Dermot Higgins	Monksland, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	01/03/2012
Liam Fleming t/a Flemings Garage	Cloonarragh, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon	01/03/2012
Invisible Touch	Rathra, Tibohine, Frenchpark, Co. Roscommon	01/03/2012

Queries

If you have any queries in relation to the Solvent or Deco Paint Regulations please contact the Environment Department, Roscommon County Council at 090 6637260.

For Further Information;

EPA website;

<http://www.epa.ie/downloads/advice/air/solvents/>

<http://www.epa.ie/downloads/advice/air/deco%20paints/>

Dept of the Environment website;

<http://www.environ.ie/en/Environment/Atmosphere/AirQuality/VolatileOrganicCompounds/>

INAB List of Approved AICs;

<http://www.inab.ie/directoryofaccreditedbodies/inspectionbodiesaccreditedinspectioncontractorsaics/>