

Commission Decision of 28 May 2014 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes (notified under document C(2014) 3429) (Text with EEA relevance) (2014/312/EU)

Article 2

For the purpose of this Decision, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) ‘Paint’ means a pigmented coating material, supplied in a liquid paste or powder form, which, when applied to a substrate, forms an opaque film having protective, decorative or specific technical properties and after application dries to a solid, adherent and protective coating;
- (2) ‘Varnish’ means a clear coating material which, when applied to a substrate forms a solid transparent film having protective, decorative or specific technical properties and after application dries to a solid, adherent and protective coating;
- (3) ‘Decorative paints and varnishes’ means paints and varnishes that are applied in-situ to buildings, their trim and fittings, for decorative and protective purposes;
- (4) ‘Lasure’ means coatings producing a transparent or semi-transparent film for decoration and protection of wood against weathering, which enables maintenance to be carried out easily;
- (5) ‘Tinting system’ means a method for preparing coloured paints by mixing a ‘base’ with coloured tints;
- (6) ‘Masonry coating’ means a coating that produce a decorative and protective film for use on concrete, paintable brickwork, blockwork, rendering, calcium silicate board or fibre-reinforced cement;
- (7) ‘Binding primers’ means coatings designed to stabilise loose substrate particles or impact hydrophobic properties;
- (8) ‘UV curable paint system’ means the hardening of coating materials by exposure to artificial ultra-violet radiation;
- (9) ‘Powder coating’ means protective or decorative coating formed by the application of a coating powder to a substrate and fusion to give a continuous film;
- (10) ‘^[F1]In-can preservatives’ are active substances within the meaning of Article 3(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾ that are for use in product-type 6 as described in Annex V to that Regulation. They are in particular used for the preservation of manufactured products during storage by the control of microbial deterioration to ensure their shelf life and used for the preservation of tints that will be dispensed from machines;
- (11) ‘Dry-film preservatives’ are active substances within the meaning of Article 3(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 that are for use in product-type 7 as described in Annex V to that Regulation, in particular for the preservation of films or coatings by the control of microbial deterioration or algal growth in order to protect the initial properties of the surface of materials or objects;]
- (12) ‘Anti-skinning substances’ are additives that are added to the coating materials to prevent skinning during production or storage of the coating material;

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- (13) ‘^{F2}Volatile organic compounds’ (VOC) means any organic compounds having an initial boiling point less than or equal to 250 °C measured at a standard pressure of 101,3 kPa as defined in Directive 2004/42/EC and which, in a capillary column, are eluting up to and including n-Tetradecane (C₁₄H₃₀);]
- (14) ‘^{F2}Semi volatile organic compounds’ (SVOCs) means any organic compound having a boiling point greater than 250 °C and less than 370 °C measured at a standard pressure of 101,3 kPa and which, in a capillary column are eluting with a retention range after n-Tetradecane (C₁₄H₃₀) and up to and including n-Docosane (C₂₂H₄₆);]
- (15) ‘White and light coloured’ paints are those with a tri-stimulus (Y-value) > 70 %;
- (16) ‘Gloss paints’ are those which at an angle of incidence of 60° show a reflectance of ≥ 60;
- (17) ‘Mid sheen paints’ (also referred to as semi-gloss, satin, semi matt) are those which at an angle of incidence of 60° or at 85° show a reflectance of < 60 and ≥ 10;
- (18) ‘Matt paints’ are those which at an angle of incidence of 85° show a reflectance of < 10;
- (19) ‘Dead matt paints’ are those which at an angle of incidence of 85° show a reflectance of < 5;
- (20) ‘Transparent’ and ‘semi-transparent’ means a film with a contrast ratio of < 98 % at 120μ wet film thickness;
- (21) ‘Opaque’ means a film with a contrast ratio of > 98 % at 120μ wet film thickness.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Decision \(EU\) 2016/397 of 16 March 2016 amending Decision 2014/312/EU establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes \(notified under document C\(2016\) 1510\) \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).
- F2** Substituted by [Commission Decision \(EU\) 2015/886 of 8 June 2015 amending Decision 2014/312/EU establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes \(notified under document C\(2015\) 3782\) \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

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- (1) [^{F1}Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products (OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1).]

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Decision revoked by [S.I. 2019/458 Sch. para. 24](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- Appendixs. 1 Point (d) replacement by [EUDN 2020/503 Decision](#)