

Directive 2004/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 21 April 2004 on the limitation of emissions of volatile organic
compounds due to the use of organic solvents in certain paints and varnishes
and vehicle refinishing products and amending Directive 1999/13/EC

Article 1

Purpose and scope

- 1 The purpose of this Directive is to limit the total content of VOCs in certain paints and varnishes and vehicle refinishing products in order to prevent or reduce air pollution resulting from the contribution of VOCs to the formation of tropospheric ozone.
- 2 To achieve the objective set out in paragraph 1, this Directive approximates the technical specifications for certain paints and varnishes and vehicle refinishing products.
- 3 This Directive shall apply to the products set out in Annex I.
- 4 This Directive does not prejudice or affect measures, including labelling requirements, taken at Community or national level to protect the health of consumers and of workers and their working environment.