Burbidge & Son Ltd, Awson Street, Coventry

Permit No: PPC/045

Woodcoating

Solvent Management Plan

2007 usage

1. Objective

To establish a Solvent Management Plan following the Secretary of State's Guidance for Wood Coating PG6/33 (04). This document particularly refers to the requirements of paragraph 5.13.

2. Definitions and Interpretations

The Guidance Note refers to specific Inputs and Outputs of organic solvent. The interpretation of the definitions in relation to Burbidge & Son Ltd is as follows;

Definition Ref	Interpretation
I ₁	The input quantity of VOC will be the sum of all coatings and
	thinners used in the application process and solvent used for
	cleaning purposes
I ₂	Organic solvents recovered and reused as solvent input into the
	process.
01	The emission of VOC from the exhaust stacks in the spray booths,
	drying ovens and paint kitchens. This is calculated as the difference
	between the input VOC and the other output VOC.
O ₂	Burbidge & Son Ltd do not use a process where solvents are
	washed in water and therefore this output requirement is not
	applicable
O ₃	The potential retention of solvent in the coating is a significant
	problem to the industry. This can lead to coating instability that
	normally becomes visible as cracks in the lacquer film and also
	leads to the panels sticking when stacked together and to the
	imprinting of packaging onto the surface. As these issues are not
	apparent at Burbidge & Son Ltd then we believe that no solvent is
	retained in the final product and therefore this output requirement is
	not applicable.
O ₄	All mixing of the coating components, transfer of coatings and
	cleaning of application equipment is carried out in extracted areas.
	This output requirement is therefore not applicable.
O ₅	None of the coatings used at Burbidge & Son Ltd generate
	emissions from chemical or physical reactions and therefore this
	output is not applicable.
O ₆	Organic solvents contained in collected waste arise from the residue
	of coating materials left in the drums. The drums are partially
	vented then sealed prior to collection.
	There are no processes at Burbidge & Son that involve the wiping
	of excess solvent. There is a very low usage of rags for
	housekeeping purposes. A proportion of this includes contact with a
	small quantity of solvent but this is carried out in a spraybooth
	environment and it is believed that the solvent vapour is removed
	by the airflow into the spraybooth.

O ₇	All materials mixed are used on site and not sold on as a commercially valuable product and therefore this output requirement is not applicable.
O ₈	Materials are sent for recovery and resale but are not reused in the process.
O ₉	To the best of our knowledge all solvent releases are accounted for in the above definitions and therefore this output is not applicable.

3. Methodology

<u>Inputs</u>

3.1 Input I₁

The input data for materials used in the process is calculated from information supplied by the materials manufacturers.

3.2 Input I₂

Organic solvents recovered and reused as solvent input into the process, I_2 , are calculated from the capacity of the recycle still and the number of times this is used.

<u>Outputs</u>

The known outputs cannot realistically be calculated with this level of accuracy and traceability. In order to estimate the relevant outputs the following methodologies have been used.

3.3 Output O_6 - Organic solvents contained in collected waste arise from the residue of coating materials left in the drums.

This output is calculated from an estimated 5mm thick residual layer in a coatings container after emptying into a mixing drum or being pumped to the spray gun.

The coating VOC content used to determine O_6 is a weighted figure calculated from the total VOC weight of all materials in kg divided by the total usage of all materials in litres. (It is not an average VOC content of the materials used)

For example assuming a two material usage as follows

100 litres of material with a VOC content of 500 grams/litre

10 litres of material with a VOC content of 800 grams/litre

The simple average VOC content is

(500 + 800)/2 = 650

The weighted average taking into account relative volumes is

((100 x 500) + (10 x 800))/110 = 527

This weighted average is the VOC content of the mix.

For the residual waste calculation the average VOC content is determined from the data given in the annual VOC return and is calculated by dividing the total VOC by the total volume of material. In this instance

50.034 tonnes VOC/ 88.252 litres materials = 56.7% rounded up to 57%.

The volume of material in a drum varies with the type of material. For a typical full drum the depth of material would be 500mm. The residue therefore is equivalent to 1% of the drum height and therefore volume of coating in the drum. The calculated average coating VOC content can be used to determine the VOC content of the residue then extrapolated to give a total for O_6 . The average coating VOC content of the residue is 57%. Therefore the residual VOC equates to 57% of the 1% of residue i.e. 0.57%. The output O_6 is therefore 0.57% of the materials given in I₁.

3.4 Output O_8 - Materials are sent for recovery and resale but are not reused in the process.

The data for materials sent for recovery is calculated from information supplied by the recycling contractors using the average solvent content of 85% as reported in the BFM "Benchmarking solvent use in the UK furniture sector".

4. Determination of Annual Solvent Consumption

The VOC content and solids content are available from data supplied by the coating manufacturer. The VOC or solids content of the total coating used can be determined by multiplying the volume by VOC or solids content as appropriate.

The annual actual consumption of organic solvents (C) is

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{I}_1 - \mathbf{O}_8$$

5. Determination of Target Emission

The Target Emission for a wood coating installation in the 15 tonne or more solvent consumption band is

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Total Mass of Solids x 1.0 (see Table 5 PG6/33(04))
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Compliance with Reduction Scheme is achieved if the annual actual solvent emission determined by the Solvent Management Plan is less than or equal to the Target Emission.

6. Determination of Annual Actual Solvent Emission

The annual actual solvent emission (para 5.8 PG6/33(04)) is

$$I_1 - O_8 - O_7 - O_6$$

7. Solvent Management Plan

Using the definitions in paragraph 5.13 the input of VOC is I_1

The outputs are

 $O_1 + O_6 + O_8$ (other outputs equal zero)

where

 I_1 = the quantity of organic solvents used in preparations and as thinners is taken from the annual VOC return

 O_1 = the quantity of organic solvent in exhaust stacks from the spray booths, drying ovens and paint kitchens and is the difference between the input VOC and the other outputs

 O_6 = organic solvents contained in collected empty drums and is calculated in section 3.3

 O_8 = organic solvents sent for recovery and re-sale but not re-used on site

For Burbidge & Son Ltd during 2007

 $I_1 = 41.973$ tonnes

 $O_1 = 25.363$ tonnes

 $O_6 = 0.239$ tonnes

 $O_8 = 16.371$ tonnes

The annual actual consumption (C) of organic solvents in 2007 is

C = 41.973 - 16.371 = 25.602 tonnes

The annual actual solvent emission for Burbidge & Son Ltd in 2007 equals

42.175 - 16.371 - 0 - 0.239 = 25.363 tonnes

The Total Mass of Solids is shown in the annual VOC return for Burbidge & Son Ltd. and is

18.795 tonnes

The Target Emission is therefore

$$18.795 \text{ x } 1.0 = 18.795 \text{ tonnes}$$

The annual actual solvent emission is therefore greater than the target emission.