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Expiry Dates on Livos products

Recently a few of our distributors have contacted us regarding the expiry dates on our products. Some countries require these dates on some of the products, or a certain range of products. However in Australia we have different regulations that we need to adhere to for all products we sell, regardless of their origin and that country's labelling requirements. To fully address the issue we have completed a vast amount of research through organisations such as

Department of Human Services (health and food safety),
Health Department,
Australian Competition Consumer and Commission (ACCC)
Consumer Affairs,
National Industrial Chemical Notification & Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)
Quarantine,
Australian Customs,
Intellectual Property,
Green-painters
and the Australian Paint Manufacturing Federation.

Many of our distributors stock a range of different Livos Products, currently these products fall into two categories, “makeup” for Vida, and “paints” for the remaining. NICNAS the regulators for makeup labelling has officially approved that an expiry date is NOT required for Vida in Australia and can officially be removed. There is no official regulator for labelling expiry dates of paint in Australia, as it is not a requirement. A number of the above organisations have confirmed this and support us that the removal of the expiry dates would not breach any regulations.

Currently we are reluctant to remove the entire sticker that includes the expiry date, as this sticker also contains other valuable information. One such identifier is the Charge Number; this identifies the batch of each product. Livos Germany maintains a sample of every batch for 5 years as a reference and for quality control.

Both Livos Australia and Livos Germany maintain all of the products are completely safe, appropriate and continue to be an exceptional product well after the German imposed expiry date has passed.

In follow up to one of our client’s queries the head chemist from Livos Germany commented that it is not uncommon for products to remain appropriate for usage for over 10 years. Personally we at Livos Aust have encountered clients who have stored and used products almost 10 years old without any problems. A quick method to ‘test’ products is using your nose! If the product smells pleasant, and not like old oily fish and chips this is the first indication the product is suitable to use.

NB: Please remember to advice clients always store products with minimum air (decant into small air tight containers) and ensure it is not subject to large temperature fluctuations. Stored products may also benefit from straining.

Green Build Council of Australia

Update on green product certification for Australia and the world.

On the 30th June 2009 the GBCA’s long awaited and eagerly sought after changes to the framework of 3rd party product certification were announced.

We are pleased to inform you that ecospecifier will shortly submit an application to the GBCA to be recognised as a 3rd Party certification body. ecospecifier GreenTag will then be launched.

It is our belief that by around October/November this year, ecospecifier GreenTag certified products should be able to formally accredit products full points via GreenStar TM* Material Calculators and user guides.

Under the new framework released by GBCA, organisations such as the Good Environmental Choice Award (GECA) have 12 months to become compliant and qualified or GBCA's recognition of those products will cease on the 01/07/2010.

Ecospecifier Greentag's with a new and fresh approach, will come to market with 4 levels of certification, finally allowing specifiers and consumers alike to differentiate products.

Eco Specifier

Due to the above – ie the GBCA new assessment Framework- Eco Specifier are introducing a “Green Tag” system. Our products have had the full, in-depth analysis. Below is one very interesting result. So when someone comments about GH Gas Emissions due to the product being from Germany the answer for 2.5lt is below

Product weight	Distance to destination port	Energy Intensity - Container Shipping	GHG Intensity - Container Shipping
2.25kg/2.5L container	20990km	0.000135MJ / kg.km	0.000011kgCO _{2e} / kg.km

Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA)

‘Previously, only Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) certified products were 'deemed to satisfy' the requirements of the material calculator credits in Green Star rating tools. The GBCA will continue to recognise GECA certified products during a transition period from 30 June 2009 to 1 July 2010. GECA certified products will continue to be recognised after the transition period provided that GECA and the standards it operates have been assessed

against, and have complied with, the full scope of the GBCA Assessment Framework for Product Certification Schemes’.

Australian Timber and Flooring Association (Of which Livos is a member)

From their newsletter : The Stain Game

“The atfa Victorian committee held a trade night on February 23rd with a focus on staining. The night was a success with over 80 locals attending to hear about the challenging art of direct staining. Eight companies demonstrated their products – Bona, Feast Watson, Glitsa, Loba, Polycure, The Traditional Stain Company, Livos and Uretahne Coatings. Atfa would like to thank the Victorian committee for organising the event, especially David Myer, Holmesglen Institute of TAFE for providing the venue, the demonstrating companies and all that attended.”

Although Robert was unable to attend the night due to a prior commitment, Angela attended with samples and photos in hand. Even though I did not physically stain a floor (and one should have smelt the fumes from the other coatings). I was able to pass around samples of the product and stained timber samples (Baltic pine with 5 colors on the floor) as well as receive confirmation of what I was saying from other sanders at the event who had used the product. The picture tells the story.



Choice Magazine April 2010

Choice is calling for a consumer- friendly chemicals policy that

Requires nanomaterials to be labelled in consumer products, so you can make an informed choice.

Makes the roll-out of nanomaterials evidence-based, so materials would need to be proven safe first before being released onto the market.

From Livos Germany- Animal Testing

We have had a query regarding whether Livos products are tested on animals? Livos is committed to being environmentally and socially responsible. All products are “based on renewable raw plant materials that are organically sourced and never tested on animals, Livos products are environmentally responsible, non-polluting, ecologically friendly, and emit no harmful substances”. This is taken directly from our website. To locate this information go to our webpage www.livos.com.au , on the opening page use the menu on the left hand side and click on “Products” ,

Here you will find the above credentials in the second paragraph and also approx 2/3 down the page the one below.

“**Animal testing:** Livos does not test any of its products or ingredients on animals.”

Green Painters

Livos has renewed their associate membership with Green Painters. Due to various reasons Green Painters will only be promoting one natural paint company- that being Livos. Recently on a Saturday, a full day course was held for a number of budding Green Painters. Green Painters offers nationally recognised training, as well as short courses for updating product knowledge and application techniques. Green Painters trainers are qualified industry experts,

and the courses are supported by leading manufacturers, Livos being one of them. If you know of a painter that has used, or would like to use “green” paints call Damien Wurm for further information on 0402 312234 . Alternatively their website is www.greenpainters.org.au/

Going Green Expo

This year Livos had decided not to attend the Expo as an individual exhibitor- however agreed to share a stand under the “Green Painters”. The stand was shared by Astec Paint (a neighbour), Rocote and Livos. Although it was quiet visitor wise, it was extremely beneficial and worthwhile being there for the two days. Networking with architects and other exhibitors was invaluable and has given us the opportunity for further work in the future. It has also made it possible to meet and introduce the Livos Paints to the painter doing the Green Painters course.

Livos Australia website Updated

Please Note: Our website has been revamped, and we are constantly adding pictures and new information. Please take some time to have a look,

We have **extended the gallery pages** to include the Bayswater Showroom with all of its vast number of samples. These include concrete and various stained surfaces.

Product information; **all data sheets** and **color charts are available**.

For those clients requiring some hints and tips for their DIY project using the downloads tab on the left hand side there are **“How to” information sheets** that are very beneficial.

Again using the downloads tab, there are **articles** written by Angela for a range of magazines, such as the OwnerBuilders Timber Flooring Treatment Options and Natural Paints.

Livos (and Anro) are on Facebook & Twitter

Allie who has recently joined the Livos team will be working on these pages and up twitting and adding to the info on face book as well as uploading interesting photos.

Join us.

Kind Regards and best wishes from the Livos team.

*Keep on going, and the chances are that you will stumble on something,
perhaps when you are least expecting it.
I never heard of anyone ever stumbling
on something sitting down. ~Charles F. Kettering*