

Board Adopts “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to VOM Definition

On August 13, 2020, the Board adopted rule amendments that keep Illinois’ definition of “volatile organic material” (VOM) “identical in substance” to the federal definition of “volatile organic compound.” The amendments, which took effect on August 18, 2020, reflect action taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency during the second half of 2018.

Specifically, the Board added one hydrofluoroolefin compound to the list of compounds excluded from the VOM definition. That compound—(Z)-1,1,1,4,4,4-hexa-fluorobut-2-ene or HFO-1336mzz-Z—is used as a blowing agent and has potential as a refrigerant. The Board also corrected chemical names in the list of excluded compounds.

During its rulemaking, the Board received public comment and held a public hearing. The rulemaking is captioned Definition of VOM Update, USEPA Regulations (July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018), docket R19-15. Here are links to (1) the Board’s [final opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the adopted rule amendments, and (2) the Board’s [addendum](#), which provides tables of information concerning the rulemaking. For more information, please contact Hearing Officer Michael McCambridge at 312-814-6924 or michael.mccambridge@illinois.gov.