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To All PPG Refinish Distributors:

PPG is committed to producing superior quality automotive refinish coatings that provide high performance functionality while also maintaining our product stewardship obligations. As part of this commitment, PPG recommends **only** using aerosol blanks manufactured by SEM Products when filling PPG automotive refinish coatings into aerosols; such coatings are intended strictly **for professional use only** - not for use by the general public.

Repackaging PPG refinish coatings products into aerosol containers can cause performance problems with the coatings and can trigger regulatory implications for the party performing the repackaging. Since PPG does not control the type or quality of propellants, solvents or hardeners that could be introduced in filling non-SEM branded aerosol blank containers, the performance characteristics and stability of the coating product can be adversely affected and potentially diminish key performance attributes such as, among other things, durability. For this reason, PPG provides no warranty for products filled in aerosol containers by any third party without PPG's prior written consent.

PPG specifically prohibits the use of PPG's name or any of its registered trademarks on aerosol containers without a prior written agreement. Repackaging PPG's refinish coatings into aerosol containers with the distributor's name on the label may cause that distributor to be subject to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA's") National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Aerosol Containers, 40 C.F.R. §§ 59.500 et seq. and/or California Air Resources Board's ("CARB's") Regulation for Reducing the Ozone Formed from Aerosol Coating Product Emissions. Under these regulations, a distributor may be required to register with the EPA (and CARB if they operate in California), maintain records and/or comply with Maximum Incremental Reactivity (MIR) limits assigned for each coating category. SEM Products has developed an MIR calculator to assist customers that is accessible at the following link: <https://www.semproducts.com/resources/formulas>. PPG and SEM have determined that the ENVIROBASE® High Performance and AQUABASE® Plus toner platforms in an aerosol format are compliant with MIR limits in all 50 states; the DELTRON® toner platform in aerosol format is compliant with MIR limits in all states **except** California.

A distributor that repackages PPG's refinish coatings into aerosol containers and sells those containers into commerce will become subject to the hazard communication standards of the Occupational, Safety and Health Administration, which can require, among other things, specific warnings on labels, publication of Safety Data Sheets and a 24-hour emergency response telephone number. PPG cannot and will not provide support with these requirements for distributors or anyone else who repackages PPG's refinish coatings into aerosol containers.

Therefore, PPG believes it is in the best interest of our distributors, collision centers, and vehicle owners that PPG's refinish coatings are applied by trained professionals, using industrial spray equipment under controlled conditions. In addition, blank aerosol cans manufactured by SEM Products and filled properly with *Envirobase* High Performance, *Aquabase* Plus, or *Deltron* basecoat color can also provide a compliant solution for specific refinish applications. Again, PPG remains committed to maintaining product performance expectations while adhering to all applicable product stewardship requirements.

Sincerely,

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