



# Kodak News

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## EPA Regulatory Update Relating to KODAK Film Cement

The EPA has established new restrictions on methylene chloride that affects our ability to sell KODAK Professional Grade Film Cement, CAT 1956176 in the US. The primary ingredient in the film cement is methylene chloride.

### Details:

In April 2024, EPA finalized prohibitions and workplace protections under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for methylene chloride to protect human health.

The EPA's final rule:

- Prohibits manufacturing, processing, and distribution of methylene chloride for all consumer uses.
- Prohibits most industrial and commercial uses of methylene chloride, including paint and coating removers. Consumer paint and coating removal was prohibited in 2019.
- Creates strict workplace protections through a Workplace Chemical Protection Program to ensure that for the remaining uses, workers will not be harmed by methylene chloride use.
- Requires manufacturers (including importers), processors, and distributors to notify companies to whom methylene chloride is shipped of the prohibitions and to maintain records.

One use that will continue under the Workplace Chemical Protection Program is the use in solvent welding of nitrate and acetate motion picture film (film negative cutting and splicing).

Kodak is required to stop selling KODAK Film Cement to retailers after February 3, 2025. A retailer is any person or business entity that distributes or makes products available to consumers, including through e-commerce, internet sales or distribution. If a person or business entity distributes or makes available any product to at least one consumer, then it is considered a retailer (40 CFR 751.103). For a distributor not to be considered a retailer, the distributor must distribute or make available products solely to commercial or industrial end-users or businesses.

KODAK has revised the Safety Data Sheet(s) (SDS) for KODAK Film Cement, Professional Grade. The revised US SDS can be located at: [www.kodak.com/go/sds](http://www.kodak.com/go/sds). The revision of SDS is to comply with EPA's Risk Management Rule for methylene chloride. The rule requires manufacturers to add statements regarding the approved conditions of use in sections 1 and 15. This product falls under the category of industrial or commercial use as a bonding agent for solvent welding when a Workplace Chemical Protection Program is implemented. For more information regarding EPA's regulation see [https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-07/mecl-fact-sheet\\_0.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-07/mecl-fact-sheet_0.pdf).

To conform to the new restrictions and to clear deliveries, **starting on January 1, 2025, Kodak will no longer accept any orders for film cement from US consumers or to US distributors or retailers that sell to US consumers.** US customers that qualify as commercial or industrial users or qualify as distributors solely for commercial or industrial end-users or businesses will require a KODAK account number and will be required to declare their intended use of this product.

To acquire a Kodak account number please contact: [EIAmericas@kodak.com](mailto:EIAmericas@kodak.com)

To declare your intended use, please contact: [technical.motionpicture@kodak.com](mailto:technical.motionpicture@kodak.com)

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