Environmental Protection Agency

§ 63.5340

How do I determine the allowable HAP loss?

(a) By the fifteenth of each month, you must determine the allowable HAP loss in pounds from your leather finishing operation for the previous month.

(b) To determine the allowable HAP loss for your leather finishing operation, you must select the appropriate HAP emission limit, expressed in pounds of HAP loss per 1,000 square feet of leather processed, from Table 1 of this subpart, for each type of leather product process operation performed during the previous 12 months. Under the appropriate existing or new source column, select the HAP emission limit that corresponds to each type of product process operation performed during the previous 12 months. Next, determine the annual total of leather processed in 1,000’s of square feet for each product process operation in accordance with §63.5400. Then, multiply the annual total of leather processed in each product process operation by the corresponding HAP emission limit to determine the allowable HAP loss in pounds for the corresponding leather product process operation. Finally, sum the pounds of HAP loss from all leather product process operations performed in the previous 12 months. Equation 1 of this section illustrates the calculation of allowable HAP loss as follows:

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\text{Allowable HAP Loss} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{\text{Annual Total of Leather Processed}_i \times \text{HAP Emission Limit}_i}{1000} \right)
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Where:

- Annual Total of Leather Processed = 1,000’s of square feet of leather processed in the previous 12 months in product process operation “i”.
- HAP Emission Limit = From Table 1 of this subpart, the HAP emission limit in pounds of HAP loss per 1,000 square feet of leather processed for product process operation “i”.
- n = Number of leather product process operation types performed during the previous 12 months.

(c) The resulting “allowable HAP loss” is used in Equation 1 of §63.5330 to calculate your compliance ratio, as described in §63.5330.
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§ 63.5345 How do I distinguish between the two upholstery product process operations?

(a) Product process operations that finish leather for use in automobile and furniture seat coverings are categorized as an upholstery product process operation. There are two upholstery product process operations subject to the requirements of this subpart—operations with less than 4 grams of finish add-on per square foot, and operations with 4 grams or more of finish add-on per square foot. You must distinguish between the two upholstery product process operations so that you can determine which HAP emission limit in Table 1 of this subpart applies to your affected source.

(b) You must determine finish add-on by calculating the difference in mass before and after the finishing process. You may use an empirical method to determine the amount of finish add-on applied during the finishing process, as described in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section:

1. Weigh a one square foot representative section of polyester film, paper, cardstock, or equivalent material substrate to be finished. This will provide an initial mass and surface area prior to starting the finishing process.
2. Use a scale with an accuracy of at least 5 percent of the mass in grams of the representative section of substrate.
3. Upon completion of these measurements, process the representative section of substrate on the finishing line as you would for a typical section of leather.
4. After the finishing and drying process, weigh the representative section of substrate to determine the final mass. Divide the net mass in grams gained on the representative section by its surface area in square feet to determine grams per square foot of finish add-on. Equation 1 of this section illustrates this calculation, as follows:

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\text{Finish Add-On} = \frac{(\text{Final Mass} - \text{Initial Mass})}{\text{Surface Area}}
\]  

(Eq. 1)

Where:

Finish Add-On = Grams per square foot of finish add-on applied to a representative section of polyester film or equivalent material substrate.
Final Mass = Final mass in grams of representative section of polyester film or equivalent material substrate, after finishing and drying.
Initial Mass = Initial mass in grams of representative section of polyester film or equivalent material substrate, prior to finishing.
Surface Area = Surface area in square feet of a representative section of polyester film or equivalent material substrate.

(c) Any appropriate engineering units may be used for determining the finish add-on. However, finish add-on results must be converted to the units of grams of finish add-on per square foot of leather processed. If multiple representative leather sections are analyzed, then use the average of these measurements for selecting the appropriate product process operation.

(d) For each leather product with a unique finish application, you must maintain records to support how the leather product was categorized to a product process operations type. You must repeat the leather product categorization to a product process operation type no less frequently than once every 5 years if the applied finish chemical characteristics of the leather product have not changed, or when the applied finish chemical characteristics of the leather product change, whichever is sooner.