



Subject: Prep Coat/Smooth Coat

Dear California Customer,

The State of California passed a paint stewardship law [Chapter 420, Statutes of 2010 \[Huffman, AB 1343\]](#) intending to facilitate the safe disposal and potential recycling of architectural paint products. The legislation calls for an assessment to end users for safe disposal of the designated products and makes multiple sites available for disposal.

Westpac has held steadfast that our products are unique and unlike paint products identified by this legislation. After much debate, **the following Westpac products have recently been deemed by multiple state agencies as subject to CA State Law:**

- **Westpac Prep Coat (Item #25050)**
- **Westpac Smooth Coat (Item# 25080)**

To comply with the law, Westpac Materials has registered with the PaintCare recycling program. Please visit <http://www.paintcare.org> for more details.

As a manufacturer, we have two viable options for compliance with State law:

1. Westpac takes on the liability and reporting function on behalf of our customers and adds the legally mandated fee of \$1.60 per 5 gallon pail to all sales of these items billed in California.
2. Require you to sign a "remitter agreement" that passes the responsibility to YOU! In addition to educating end users and collecting the mandated fees, you would be liable for accurately reporting and paying the fees on all California sales of these two products.

Westpac has decided to assume liability and handle the reporting function. **For California customers, we will begin adding this mandatory "architectural coatings disposal fee" of \$1.60 per 5 gallon pail to these items effective August 15, 2014.**

We recommend that all customers immediately begin reflecting the \$1.60 per 5 gallon "architectural coatings disposal fee" on any sales of **Prep Coat** or **Smooth Coat** sold within California.

We greatly value your business and would be happy to answer any additional questions that you might have. Please contact your sales representative or call us at (714) 974-6837.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Landreth".

Todd Landreth
General Sales Manager