

Summary of Key Commitments for 2009



Issue	2009 Commitment
one: production and storage	
VCM in finished resin	Residual VCM in finished resin powder not greater than 1 ppm
VCM emissions resulting from manufacturing	VCM emissions no greater than 30g / tonne PVC
Environmental management systems at manufacturing and storage sites	<p>All Signatories to work towards reaching or exceeding the industry's Minimum Acceptable Standard</p> <p>85% of the terms of the Standard to be met by the end of 2009 for Signatories not meeting the Standard as at end 2008</p> <p>Signatories to show that the Program commitments are embedded into their company's Business Management Systems</p>
two: the use of lead and cadmium	
Code of Practice	Adherence to the industry Code of Practice for the use of lead and cadmium in PVC products in Australia
Cadmium use	Maintain commitment to avoid the use of cadmium stabilisers
Lead use	To complete phase out in all applications by 2010
Pigments	To substitute lead, cadmium & hexavalent chrome pigments by 2010 where technically feasible and alternatives are available
Other additives	To monitor any pertinent overseas developments
Open Disclosure	To provide general information on additives used in PVC products or components to stakeholders upon request
three: the use of phthalate plasticisers	
Phthalate plasticisers	<p>To implement the industry Policy on Plasticiser Use</p> <p>To share relevant information with NICNAS during risk assessment process</p>
four: waste management	
National Packaging Covenant (NPC)	All relevant Signatories to have submitted waste management Action Plans under the NPC and to maintain compliance with NPC obligations
Recycling	<p>To implement commitments contained in Vinyl-2-Life action plan</p> <p>To monitor overseas recycling initiatives and developments</p>
Encouraging consumer responsible care	To provide information to end consumers on management options for end-of-life PVC
Life cycle thinking	To consider whole-of-life in the development of new products, taking into account end-of-life issues and waste management options
five: research	
Research	To monitor national and international scientific research and share pertinent information with signatories and stakeholders
six: public reporting	
Performance against commitments	Publish 2008 annual performance report by 31 August 2009
PVC life cycle impacts	To publish annual product stewardship issues review
Review implementation and effectiveness of the product stewardship program	Complete a review by end 2012 and publish recommendations by end March 2013