

Inspection report

Visit made 02.08.10. Met Mr Hercus.

No solvents are stored on site. Solvents are delivered in 5L plastic drums at an average of 2 drums per month at the most. Upon delivery, all the solvents go in the machine. Empty containers are lidded. Towels are kept to the rear of the machine to soak up spilled solvent. The towels are dry cleaned in the machine to recover solvent. No R-phrase substances used.

The button trap is checked 4 x per day.

Stain removers are kept in sealed containers and dropper bottles used.

Not more than 10L spot cleaning solvent used. Mr Hercus has worked out that 3.3L/yr of solvent is used. He uses this as a constant figure as difficult to quantify.

The machine's make is a Fibromatic, model 910, capacity 10kg and solvent use perc. The machine is approx 7 yrs old. It is electric not steam powered and thus there is no ducting to a boiler. There is no bund tray. Doors are automatically controlled as machine can't start if doors not locked. There are interlocks such that a leak or an open door will cause machine to shut down. The machine is set such that a max temperature is not exceeded. The temperature reading is clearly on display at front of machine.

The still is cleaned manually every morning. Rake out is done first thing in the morning when cold. It is put into drums and taken away by a licensed carrier (Waste Care).

There are no procedures in place for dealing with the machine as Mr Hercus runs it. It is a family business and Mr Hercus has trained his children informally.

All loads are weighed in a scale before loading into the machine. The machine has a clear electronic display used to run the machine for each type of product.

The machine is serviced by Mr Hercus. If there are any issues which can't be resolved, an external contractor is called in.

Advised of reduced inspection frequency. Checked results. Last year 19g/kg. This year's figures until July available.

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