# "Green Advertising" in Latin America

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#### **General Considerations**

- Countries selected
  - Mexico
  - Brazil
  - Argentina
  - > Chile
  - Uruguay

- Paraguay
- Colombia
- Venezuela
- > Peru

- Emerging legal issue. Legal regulations in an embrionary stage
- How Green Advertising is called in:
  - Portuguese Publicidade Verde
  - Spanish Publicidad Verde



#### Chile

No specific regulation

General regulations on marketing apply. Main rule: Advertising must not be misleading

Current bill regarding the labeling of light vehicles: consumption levels and emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>



# Uruguay

No specific regulation

General regulations on consumer protection apply. Main rule: Advertising must not be misleading. Misleading advertising: completely or partially false, or able to deceive regarding nature, quantity, origin, price



# **Paraguay**

No specific regulation

General regulations on consumer protection apply. Main rule: Advertising must not be misleading. Misleading advertising: completely or partially false, or able to deceive regarding nature, characteristics, quality, quantity, properties, origin, price, commercial conditions, production techniques.

No registered cases regarding green advertising



#### Colombia

No specific regulation

General regulations on consumer protection apply. Rules: Information must be true, accurate, objective and sufficient. Advertising must not be misleading regarding nature, origin, way of manufacturing, components, uses, volume, weight to measure, price, instructions, quality, quantity

Test: average consumer

Environmental Seal



#### Venezuela

No specific regulation

General regulations on consumer protection apply. Rules: Information must be true and not misleading

Currently no bill under consideration



#### Peru

No specific regulation

General regulations on consumer protection apply. Principle of veracity, duty to use accurate, objective and clear information



#### Mexico

No specific regulation

General regulations on consumer protection apply. Rule: Information must be true avoiding deceiving customers by incorrect, false, overstate, partial, artificial, tendentious information



# **Argentina**

No specific regulation

- General regulations on consumer protection apply. Information must be true, clear and detailed. Recalls
- Environmental certificates
  - Manufacturing Process: e.g., ISO (International Organization for Standardization) 14,000
  - Environmental Seal Bill



#### **Brazil**

No specific regulation

- General regulations on consumer protection apply. Information must not be misleading
- Environmental certificates
  - Manufacturing Process: e.g., ISO (International Organization for Standardization) 14,000
  - Environmental Seals ("Selos Verdes")



Para um ator ser completo, ele precisa ser muitos. Para um carro ser completo ele so pode ser o novo Vectra Elite 2.0.

Vectra Elite 2.0. Para quem quer tudo, um carro único.

- Navegador GPS
   Air bags frontais e laterais
   Freios ABS com EBD

- (Distribuição Eletrônica de Frenagem)

   Transmissão automática com piloto automático
- Rodas de alumínio 17 \*
- · Rádio com controle no volante, MP3 e CD player
- Teto solar com acionamento elétrico
- Banco do motorista com acionamento elétrico
- Sensor de estacionamento
- Sensor de chuva
- Bluetooth
- 3 anos de garantia\*
- Motorização 2.0 e 2.4 Flexpower







#### **General Motors**

#### **Global Environmental Messaging Protocol**

- Messaging should be
  - Accurate
  - Complete
  - Satisfactorily substantiated
  - Not overstated
  - In compliance with local regulatory requirements
  - Consistent with GM Public Policy positions
  - Globally consistent and compatible, though not necessarily identical



#### General Motors (cont.)

#### Global Environmental Messaging Protocol (cont.)

- Some guidelines
  - Only when exists a genuine environmental benefit
  - Not when the benefit is irrelevant or insignificant
  - Not when the underlying technology is already required by law
  - Avoid misleading in pictures or images. See the overall impression for the entire execution. Consumer's net take-away or potential impression from the entire execution is what is important
  - Disclosure should be clear, conspicuous, and in close proximity to the relevant claim
  - Claims should be sensitive to the public and NGO perceptions in the local market

#### General Motors (cont.)

#### Global Environmental Messaging Protocol (cont.)

- Some guidelines (cont.)
  - Claims should provide sufficient information for the customer to understand fully what is being stated and cite a specific source to go for more information
  - Claims should be in plain language. Scientific or technical jargon can easily confuse average consumers



#### **Final Considerations**

- No specific regulation. General rules apply. Some self-regulations and bills
- Average consumer should be able to take informed decisions
- Recommended guidelines
  - Use common meanings of words and images
  - Be accurate
  - Be specific
  - Be simple
  - Be clear
  - Be realistic
  - Avoid misleading information
  - Avoid ambiguous or vague statements
     Avoid overstatements

  - Avoid false statements
  - Avoid irrelevance



# Thank you



# Back-up



#### **Brazil**



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