

Cleveland

Executive

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Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention Act
S 3216

The National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association advises that the House passed the compromise bill dealing with the above. President Nixon has until January 14 (not signed as of 3:00 P.M. yesterday) or the new Congress will have to repass legislation.

No dates of effectiveness are indicated in the bill - it will be up to the Secretary of HEW to handle this.

NPVLA will advise on both of the above points.

Mr. Lenzetti is proceeding to have low lead house paints formulated.

The Chemical Group advises we will be out of pocket at the rate of \$200,000 per year when we drop leaded zinc and purchase zinc oxide. Later, if Coffeyville produces paint grade zinc oxide, this out of pocket can be regained.

Unless the Secretary of HEW delays effective dates for a great number of months, we could conceivably have a problem of using finished stocks, etc.

Since lead is an unhappy word at this time, we should proceed to remove it from our labels and products as soon as practical.

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