



Legal Action Taken Against 35 Firms

If the permit program is successful says Ruckelshaus EPA will have a more accurate index of industrial pollution. This index would make it possible for the Agency to provide explicit guidance to industry on water treatment requirements, he added.

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LEAD CRISIS IN CHICAGO

Calling the 0.03% standard almost impossible to enforce Montgomery explained that much money and effort would be spent by the City of Chicago in

Using this FDA proposal as a basis, Montgomery suggested the most sensible approach to the lead-poisoning problem would be to adopt a uniform 0.5% standard. We are not here to balance the interests of the paint industry against the safety and welfare of children, he said; however, we view a 0.5% standard as a practical enforcement level that will adequately insure against any potential lead paint hazard to children.

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Legislation: State Alert

Legislation

36 of the 50 State legislatures will convene during 1972. Many of their legislative proposals will directly affect you.

We will be keeping you informed of significant pending bills. In so doing, we seek to stimulate individual company action—through testimony or petition—on legislation proposed in that company's State.

Keep NFCA informed of whatever steps you take. We, in turn, can supply you with full copies of proposals heard below and suggest approaches to the legislation.

ARIZONA—H-2118 (Same as S-1047) LEAD-BASED PAINT: To prohibit the use of lead-based paint on toys.

S-1047—LEAD-BASED PAINT: Prohibits the manufacture and sale of toys coated with lead-based paint or composed in any part of dangerous or toxic materials. Containers of paint with lead content of one percent or more of its total nonvolatile material would be required to carry a specified harmful if swallowed warning.

HAWAII—H.B. 1917—HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES: Establishes requirements for labeling hazardous substances. A "toxic" Hazardous Substances Law patterned after the Federal Act empowers State officials to require labeling where Federal Act does not, and impose a ban on items deemed particularly hazardous.

MASSACHUSETTS—H-3013—HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES: Establishes requirements for labeling hazardous substances. This is a "toxic" Hazardous Substances Act, patterned after the

Federal Act, to empower the State Commission of Public Health to require labeling when the Federal Act does not, and impose a ban on the sale of items deemed particularly hazardous.

MICHIGAN—S-1048—AEROSOL SPRAYS: To require aerosol spray cans for household use containing volatile hydrocarbons, to carry a warning label stating that "sniffing or direct inhaling may cause death." Violation is a misdemeanor.

MISSOURI—H-1087—LEAD POISONING: Bans the rental or sale of any dwelling, furniture, household appliances, fixture or toy having a lead bearing substance upon any surface. Lead bearing substance is defined as "any paint, plaster or other substance or material containing one percent or more of metallic lead based upon total nonvolatile content. Physicians suspecting lead poisoning in a patient must notify the state public health director."

PENNSYLVANIA—H-1874—PAINTS AND SAFETY: Prohibits the use or manufacture of "hazardous paints" for the protection of workers and to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations hazardous paints are broadly defined as those "causing adverse effects to the user."

WISCONSIN—Assembly Bill 1308—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: Requires conspicuous statement to be placed near commodities with varying

weight declarations that will show the unit and price per unit of weight. In determining the selling price, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture granted rule-making power to regulate non-liquid commodities sold by weight other than weight to include weight declarations or restrict sale by weight only. Cakes and sealants might be affected adversely.

Assembly Bill 1430—LEAD IN PAINTS: Prohibits use of lead-based paints on interior surfaces and regulates the sale and requires labeling of such products in accordance with regulations to be issued by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services. Does not specify amount of lead content constituting lead-based paints.

New Tax Schedule

A new Federal tax withholding schedule designed to eliminate the substantial underwithholdings of some 1971 taxpayers was put into effect January 18.

The new schedule makes adjustments in the withholding rates so that single employees earning up to \$25,000 a year can expect a full tax withholding. Married employees with a non-employed spouse can expect a full tax withholding on salaries up to \$31,000.

According to officials of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), a new exemption certificate—FW-4—should be filed with every employer to adjust withholding figures. Under the new system a special withholding allowance is also available to single taxpayers and those married with an unemployed spouse.

Total Factory Shipments of Paint, Varnish & Lacquer, November 1971 and 11 months 1971

	Nov. 1971			Nov. 1970			Percent	
	Nov. 1971	Oct. 1971	vs. Oct. 1971	Nov. 1970	vs. Nov. 1970	11 mos. 1971	11 mos. 1970	Change
TOTAL SALES	\$218,854,000	\$228,846,000	-4.4%	\$185,465,000	+18.7%	\$2,855,582,000	\$2,568,085,000	+3.7%
Trade Sales	111,464,000	119,838,000	-8.7%	99,432,000	+12.1%	1,475,878,000	1,468,174,000	+4.7%
Industrial Sales	106,490,000	107,267,000	-1.6%	86,033,000	+22.0%	1,179,704,000	1,100,811,000	+2.5%

Production of Paint, Varnish & Lacquer, November 1971 and 11 months 1971 (in Gallons)

	Nov. 1971			Nov. 1970			Percent	
	Nov. 1971	Oct. 1971	vs. Oct. 1971	Nov. 1970	vs. Nov. 1970	11 mos. 1971	11 mos. 1970	Change
TOTAL PRODUCTION	69,071,000	73,800,000	-7.2%	57,918,000	+20.1%	813,705,000	771,382,000	+5.5%
Trade Sales	31,501,000	35,354,000	-10.9%	29,072,000	+8.4%	403,325,000	401,383,000	+3.5%
Industrial Sales	37,570,000	38,255,000	-1.8%	28,846,000	+32.1%	410,379,000	370,000,000	+10.9%

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, M28.

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