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IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

TO: ALL SEYMOUR OF SYCAMORE CUSTOMERS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEAD LAWS - CHICAGO LEAD LAWS

Gentlemen:

This is to bring to your attention the position of the Federal and Chicago lead laws and how this may affect our products and more directly you as a customer.

FEDERAL - The federal regulations at the present time, state that paint may contain up to 1% lead and be considered lead free.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1973 the new regulations will make it necessary for all paint products to contain no more than .5% lead. At the present time all of our spray paint products comply with the 1/2 of 1% with the exception of engine enamels, tractor and implement enamels, and School Bus Yellow. These products will be reformulated to meet the 1/2 of 1% for compliance.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974 the new regulations will again be lowered to .06% (lead traces). We have been advised by our raw material suppliers that our raw material presently meets the .06% standard with the exception of engine enamels, tractor and implement enamels, and School Bus Yellow, as stated above. Other than these products, all of our products are formulated using non-lead raw materials, including driers and pigments which are the normal sources of lead. The only other sources of lead, are through contamination during the manufacturing process, storage in the can, and impurities in the raw materials.

Presently tests are being conducted to determine the lead level from these sources.

COURT ACTION EXPECTED - FEDERAL We have been advised by the National Paint and Coatings Association, that represent our company as well as the majority of the paint manufacturers, impending action is being taken in the form of formal objections to the FDA regulations. It appears the entire issue will be taken to court.

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COURT ACTION EXPECTED - CHICAGO A Chicago city ordinance recently passed, effective July 1, 1972, makes it unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale lead based coatings containing more than .06% lead by weight. This ordinance does not affect aerosol paints until January 1, 1973. It should be noted the Chicago ordinance is identical to phase 2 of the federal law, however, it goes into effect one year earlier.

The National Paint and Coatings Association and the Chicago Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association intend to file in the district courts, against the Chicago city ordinance on the grounds it is unconstitutional, it denies due process and equal privileges under the law. Also, it is understood the federal law, if held up in court, will pre-empt the Chicago law.

Due to the obvious court action that will take place on both the Chicago law and federal regulation, challenging the .06% standard, we must conclude the standards are not final at this time.

We would like to assure you our customers that Seymour of Sycamore will comply with whatever laws are finally agreed upon for the industry.

The products you are purchasing from us at the present time and will be purchasing from us in the future will meet all federal, state and municipal regulations.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please direct them to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

SEYMOUR OF SYCAMORE, INC.



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