City Finds Illegal Lead Content In 13 Brands of Interior Paints

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Health Department tests have found excessive lead content in samples of 13 brands of paint intended for interior use, the city's Health Services Administration announced yesterday.

The Health Department, in the city drive to prevent lead poisoning among children, tested 70 cans of paint from 24 companies for lead content. Children generally contract lead poisoning by eating chips of paint containing lead.

The tests showed that 16 cans from 13 manufacturers contained more than 1 per cent lead; one can had a lead content of 13.5 per cent. Under the City Health Code, it is illegal to manufacture paint with a lead level above 1 per cent unless the label warns that the paint contains lead and should not be used on interior surfaces.

Health Services Administrator Gordon Chase said certified letters had been sent to the 13 manufacturers informing them of the department's findings. "If the companies do not voluntarily remove the paints from the market, we will take legal action against them," Mr. Chase said.

An earlier series of tests had shown lead content above the legal limit in samples from three companies. Those companies were informed of the findings, and all agreed to remove the paints from the market.

The brands, manufacturers, colors and lot or code numbers (where available) of the 16 offending samples revealed yesterday are as follows:

ADELPHI, Adelphi Paint & Color Works, Inc.; rich orange, black enamel.
MIRROLAC, Devoe-Paint, division of Celanese Coatings Co.; bonfire red, Lot 1034.
MAGICOTE ENAMEL, Eagle Paint & Varnish Corp.; lettuce green, Lot 053082.
FRISCO, Frisch & Co., Inc.; tangerine.
JAPALAC, Glidden Co.; bud green, Lot 2C27A/Y1212.
INTERLUX, International Paint Co.; Lot 65C/0C77.
MERCURY, Mercury Paint Co.; buttercup yellow, Lot 3084.
KOT-A-TILE, Paint Fair; brite cherry.
FLORELUX, Patterson-Sargent; tile red, Lot 4038A/23891.
PEERLUX, Peerless Paint & Varnish Corp.; orange, Lot 9873.
PLEASANT, F.O. Pierce Co.; flame orange, Lot 0525A3; autumn yellow, Lot 0524A5.
P.V.A., Pentagon Chemical & Paint Works; olive green, Lot 146Z; golden yellow, Lot LJ23.
SEAL LUXE, Seal Rite Paint & Chemical Corp.; tropical orange, Lot 3013SG 8G HF.

Following are the brands and color and code information on the paints identified earlier as having excessive lead content:

IMPERVO, Benjamin Moore & Co.; royal blue, Lot 13333/10D 14; laurel green, Lot 87Q1, and pompon yellow, Lot DZTF.
HOME COTE (F. W. Woolworth brand), Glidden Paint Co., sunlite yellow.
MMG High Gloss Enamel (McCrory-McLellan-Green Stores), Harris Paint Co., Tampa, Fla.; yellow, Lot E-11153; orange, Lot 518-134; forest green, Lot E-20-122, and bright red, Lot E-3-154.

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