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TO: DISTRICT MANAGERS
SALES REPRESENTATIVES
PSC OPERATING MANAGERS

SUBJ: FDA BAN ON LEAD - MARCH 11, 1972

The following is our company's up-to-date position in the handling of the FDA Proposed Ban on lead and other toxic heavy metals, subject to necessary changes:

About two months ago, a "hold production" was placed on all lead contained interior household type paints. Most of the formulas have been revised by the Technical Department in providing lead free formula (.06% lead on non-volatile material). In cases where this has been extremely difficult to meet, temporary changes were made to meet the less than .5% requirements.

Many of the exterior household paints have been reformulated to meet the requirement of less than .06% lead and it is expected that by October 30, 1972, the materials will meet the no more than .5% requirements.

We will also mark every container and carton with a filling code suffix for easier identification and better control in the field. Identification markings will be as follows:

Materials filled with a suffix "X" will contain under .06% lead and other toxic heavy metals.

"V", under .5% lead and other toxic heavy metals.

"Z", over .5% lead or .05% toxic heavy metals. Such products marked with a Z, will be manufactured for non-household use only *except where antimony is used in exterior. The antimony is in a form which should cause no problem in toxicity.*

We will keep you informed of all future developments. In the meantime, read literature in trade journals and forward any inquiries through the District to the writer as they come up.

*Verily approved:
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