

INTER-OFFICE LETTER

FROM Cleveland

OFFICE Research Admin.

FOR Cleveland

OFFICE

DATE August 31, 1971

RE H. Smylie

SUBJECT Lead Elimination

REPLY TO LETTER OF

DICTATED BY

As we discussed today, lead restrictions, either already imposed or about to be, pose a number of serious problems.

While we have been able to comply with all known existing regulations through formulation, I'm not at all confident that the paint put in a package also does.

There are at least three processing variables that could introduce excess amounts of lead into our products:

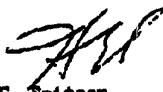
- 1) Contamination.
- 2) Errors of measuring lead driers and catalysts.
- 3) Mis-use of lead containing shading bases.

In the past two cases I think we could introduce some measure of control through the base crib. Including driers in the crib should improve measuring accuracy - increasingly important as we go to higher concentration of metal.

With proper training - given a capability of reorganizing what products do not permit lead - the crib man could add another measure of control.

We need to make all of our people more aware of the severity of the problem. It would seem to me that it would be helpful to label all containers of lead containing bases. I would visualize some sort of sticker in bold bright colored letters.

I believe both you and Bob Tschannen are in agreement with this in principal. If I can do anything to help implement any procedure designed to minimize the chances of lead excesses, let me know.


H. E. Spitzer
Technical Director, Coatings

JES:AN

cc RAT RAM PCG INC JJE

0007-SWP-037388

N22894