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February 23, 1961

TO ALL MEMBERS:-

Inspections Under Federal Labeling Law

Since February 1, the effective date for penal provisions of the Federal Hazardous Substances Labeling Law for "highly toxic," "flammable" and "extremely flammable" substances, Food and Drug Administration inspectors have been visiting the plants of many of our members. We are advised by the Food and Drug Administration that these visits are being made primarily to collect data for use in administration of the law.

The Food and Drug Administration will soon publish proposed administrative rules and regulations. All interested parties will be given a reasonable time, not less than 30 days, to comment on or object to any provisions of the proposed rules. The Food and Drug Administration and this Association have been working in close cooperation on this matter.

Our Recommended Precautionary Labels of April 12, 1960, for products that are "flammable," "extremely flammable" and "highly toxic," will meet the present requirements of the law for such substances. (A copy of the Recommended Labels is enclosed.) As reported in my letter of January 27, the law was not extended for these 3 types of substances and is now in full force and effect for them. For other substances covered by the Act, however, the effective date of the penal provisions of the law has been extended six months to August 1, 1961. During the interim, we will recommend to our members newly revised labels which will meet all technical requirements of the new law and regulations.

Meanwhile, when your plant is visited by Federal inspectors, you should cooperate wholeheartedly in supplying all information requested. If any problems arise, or if you need explanation for any action, communicate with the District Director or the Resident Inspector nearest you. Enclosed is a list of those officials. If you are unable to get the information you need, please write me promptly and we will take up your problems with the Washington supervisory officials.

The law requires the Food and Drug Administration "to conduct examinations, inspections and investigations for the purpose of this Act". All manufacturers are required by law to permit inspections at reasonable times and to furnish pertinent information when requested.

It is emphasized by Food and Drug Administration officials that current inspections are being made primarily to collect material for a study of conditions in the field. Of course, while these inspections are not part of a special enforcement campaign, we may expect corrective action to be insisted upon whenever flagrant violations or substantial disregard of the labeling requirements of the law are discovered.

Sincerely

Joseph F. Battle

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April 12, 1960

NATIONAL PAINT, VARNISH AND LACQUER ASSOCIATION

1960 Revision

Precautionary labels for paints containing metal compounds, solvents of specified flash points or significant amounts of other materials which may be harmful.

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The following precautionary labels have been approved by the Executive Committee of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association for the use of industry members.

These labels should be used for all types of containers, large and small, where applicable.

The members of this Association have always been the leaders in adopting progressive measures in the public interest. Therefore, these revised labels are recommended for use by all to assure nationwide uniformity and to comply with existing laws and regulations.

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PRECAUTIONARY LABELING SHOULD BE APPLIED TO GROUPS AS INDICATED.

GROUP I - Products containing not more than 1 per cent of lead, as metal (Pb), and not containing compounds of antimony, arsenic, cadmium, mercury, selenium, or barium (when said barium is soluble by stirring for 10 minutes with 5 per cent hydrochloric acid at room temperature) introduced as such in the formulation of these products, and a solvent flashing below 150°F.

Flash Point
above 30°F.

CAUTION! COMBUSTIBLE

Keep away from heat and open flame. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid breathing of vapor or spray mist and prolonged contact with skin. Keep container closed when not in use. Use with adequate ventilation.

Flash Point
above 20°F,
to 80°F.,
inclusive

WARNING! FLAMMABLE

Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist and prolonged contact with skin. Keep container closed when not in use. Use with adequate ventilation.

Flash Point
20°F. or
below

DANGER! EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE

Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist and prolonged contact with skin. Keep container closed when not in use. Use with adequate ventilation.

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- (a) Regardless of flash point, clear liquids such as thinners or paint removers should bear appropriate Group I label plus warning "Do not take internally", because clear liquids may be attractive nuisances or mistaken for beverages.
- (b) Flash point determinations, in all cases, refer to Tagliabue Open Cup Method, as specified in ASTM Method D 1314-54T.
- (c) The warning words "Use with adequate ventilation" should be in type two points larger than the type used for the rest of the appropriate caution label.
- (d) The per cent of lead is determined as lead metal (Pb) based on the total solids of the paint.

GROUP II - Products containing more than 1 per cent of lead as metal (Pb) in a compound (see (b) below), or containing a compound of antimony, arsenic, cadmium, mercury, selenium or barium (when said barium is soluble by stirring for 10 minutes with 5 per cent hydrochloric acid at room temperature) introduced as such in the formulation of these products, and containing solvents of the following flash points:

CAUTION! COMBUSTIBLE

Flash Point Keep Away from Heat and Open Flame
above 80°F. CONTAINS LEAD OR OTHER COMPOUNDS HARMFUL IF EATEN

Do not apply on any interior surfaces of a dwelling, or a place used for the care of children, or on window sills, toys, cribs and other furniture which might be chewed by children. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist and prolonged contact with skin. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or smoking. Keep container closed when not in use. Keep out of reach of children. Use with adequate ventilation.

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Flash Point
above 20°F.,
to 80°F.

WARNING! FLAMMABLE

Keep Away from Heat, Sparks, and Open Flame
CONTAINS LEAD OR OTHER COMPOUNDS HARMFUL IF EATEN

Do not apply on any interior surfaces of a dwelling,
or a place used for the care of children, or on
window sills, toys, cribs and other furniture which
might be chewed by children. Avoid breathing vapor
or spray mist and prolonged contact with skin.
Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or
smoking. Keep container closed when not in use.
Keep out of reach of children. Use with adequate
ventilation.

Flash Point
20°F. or
below

DANGER! EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE

Keep Away from Heat, Sparks, and Open Flame
CONTAINS LEAD OR OTHER COMPOUNDS HARMFUL IF EATEN

Do not apply on any interior surfaces of a dwelling,
or a place used for the care of children, or on
window sills, toys, cribs and other furniture which
might be chewed by children. Avoid breathing vapor
or spray mist and prolonged contact with skin.
Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or
smoking. Keep container closed when not in use.
Keep out of reach of children. Use with adequate
ventilation.

- (a) The presence of lead is determined as lead metal (Pb) based on the total solids of paint.
- (b) When more than 1 per cent of lead is the only harmful compound used in the product, the words, "Contains lead or other compounds harmful if eaten" in the applicable Group II label may be changed to "Contains more than 1 per cent lead (Pb)". Furthermore, when this wording is used, the words "Harmful if eaten" must appear in the text of the label.

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- (c) For products having a flash point above 150°F. or no flash point the following labeling may be used:

CAUTION
CONTAINS LEAD OR OTHER COMPOUNDS HARMFUL IF EATEN

Do not apply on toys, furniture or interior
surfaces which might be chewed by children.

Keep out of reach of children.

- (d) The warning words "Use with adequate ventilation" should be in type two points larger than the type used for the rest of the appropriate caution label and the label placed in a prominent position on the container.
- (e) Latex paints containing the specified harmful compounds are covered by the above provisions.

GROUP III - Products other than those included in Group II containing significant amounts of materials or solvents which may be harmful.

When harmful substances, other than those included in Group II are used in paint, in quantities which are deleterious, it is impossible, due to formulation variables, to establish a general warning label.

The paint manufacturer is cautioned to alert himself to such hazards and use an appropriate precautionary label. Extra vigilance should be the rule in labeling Group III products.

Labeling of Group III products containing hazardous chemicals should be guided by MCA Manual L-1 Warning Labels applying to those particular chemicals. The warning "Keep out of reach of children" should appear prominently on all labels, as well as the phrase "Use with Adequate Ventilation" in type two points larger than the body of the warning.

Group IV - Paint and Varnish Removers

- (a) Non-Flammable Removers, such as specified in Federal Specification TT-R-251C Remover; Paint and Varnish (organic Solvent Type), Type II. Such removers containing substantial amounts of Methylene Chloride must bear labels materially as follows:

CAUTION!
Contains Methylene Chloride

Keep out of reach of children. Avoid breathing of vapor and prolonged contact with skin. Do not take internally. Use with adequate ventilation.

- (b) Flammable Removers, such as specified in Federal Specification TT-R-251C Remover; Paint and Varnish (organic Solvent Type), Type I. Such removers containing substantial amounts of benzol must bear labels materially as follows:

DANGER! EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE
VAPOR HARMFUL - POISON
Contains Benzol

Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame.
Keep container closed. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid breathing of vapor and prolonged contact with skin. Use only with adequate ventilation.

NOTE: In both (a) and (b) above, the warning "Use with adequate ventilation" should be in type two points larger than the body of the warning.

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