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January 5, 1955

TO MEMBERS OF THE
INDUSTRY LABEL COMMITTEE:-

Meeting Notice

In accordance with the views expressed by most members responding to my letter of December 10, 1954, a meeting of the Industry Label Committee is called for -

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1955
10:00 A.M.
STATLER HOTEL
BOSTON ROOM (MEZZANINE FLOOR)
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

For purposes of study for and discussion of the meeting, you will find enclosed suggested labels which have been submitted by several Committee members. Also enclosed is a suggested layout of a label, as well as a statement regarding color, location and size of type which is based on the New York City Fire Department regulations. An official copy of the recent New York City Health regulation relating to labeling of paints containing more than one percent lead is also enclosed as well as a copy of the Association's recommended labels.

It is hoped that all members will be present at this meeting. Will you please advise me if you plan to attend. If you need hotel accommodations you may make them direct with the Statler (Attention, Mr. A. C. Cox, Assistant Manager, Sales Department) or let me know and I will make the necessary reservations for you.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel L. Boland
DANIEL L. BOLAND
General Counsel

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Suggested Statements as to Color, etc.

Warning statements should be printed in size in direct relation to the size of the label panel on which the statement is to appear.

The statement shall appear entirely in faced capitals of a type size no smaller than the minimum specified in the following table:

<u>Size of Panel in Square inches</u>	<u>Minimum Type Size in Faced Capitals</u>
4.9 or less	8 point
5.0 to 7.9	10 point
8.0 to 20.9	12 point
21.0 to 34.9	14 point
35.0 to 49.9	16 point
50.0 or over	18 point

The caution wording may be printed in color, preferably red, on a plain and distinctly contrasting background.

On drums of 15 gallons or more, when signs are used, warning statements should be in letters not less than one inch in height.

On containers of one gallon or larger, the panel size shall not be smaller than 35 square inches.

Panel is defined as that part of the primary or colored label appearing on any flat surface of a container or on a rounded container the width of the normal visual display surface.

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Precautionary labeling for paints containing harmful metal compounds should be applied to groups as indicated.

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

Flash Point
above 80°F.

CAUTION! COMBUSTIBLE

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

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

WARNING! FLAMMABLE

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

Flash Point
20°F. or
below

DANGER! EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE

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

- (a) "Do not take internally" may be omitted from Group I except in the case of clear liquids, such as thinners. Regardless of flash point, these clear liquids 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 Tag. Open Cup Method, as specified in ASTM Method D 1314-54T.
- (c) Products classified in Group I which contain "odorless" solvents must be labeled with the appropriate Group I labels, but the warning words "Use with adequate ventilation" must 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.
- (d) The percent of lead is determined as lead metal (Pb) based on the total solids of the paint.

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

Flash Point
above 80°F.

CAUTION! COMEUSTIBLE
Keep Away From Heat and Open Flame
CONTAINS LEAD OR OTHER COMPOUNDS HARMFUL IF EATEN

Do not apply on toys, furniture or interior surfaces which might be chewed by children. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist. Avoid prolonged contact with skin. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or smoking. Keep container closed when not in use.

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 toys, furniture or interior surfaces which might be chewed by children. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist. Avoid prolonged contact with skin. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or smoking. Keep container closed when not in use.

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 toys, furniture or interior surfaces which might be chewed by children. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist. Avoid prolonged contact with skin. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or smoking. Keep container closed when not in use.

- (a) The percent of lead is determined as lead metal (Pb) based on the total solids of the paint.
- (b) When more than 1 percent 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 percent lead (Pb)". Furthermore, when this wording is used, the words "Harmful if eaten" must appear in the text of the label.

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, due to formulation variables, it is impossible 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 harmful Group III products. Labeling of Group III products containing hazardous chemicals to be guided by MCA Manual L-1 Warning Labels applying to those particular chemicals.

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

Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Avoid prolonged or repeated breathing of vapor. Do not take internally.

- (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. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid prolonged or repeated breathing of vapor. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin.

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CAUTION
Statement

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

MIXING:

THINNING:

B R A N D

(TRADE MARK)

T Y P E

C O L O R

Manufacturer Name and Address

SURFACE PREPARATION

FORMULA

Suggested layout for precautionary and formula label.

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