



CHICAGO PAINT, VARNISH AND LACQUER ASSOCIATION

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I M P O R T A N T N O T I C E !

RE: Chicago Lead-Base Paint
Ordinances

Both of the proposed Chicago ordinances, one on the use, and the other on the labeling, of lead-base paints, will be considered at the public hearing to be held next Thursday, January 27, 1972, at 10:00 A.M., in the Chicago City Council Chambers. Every manufacturer adversely affected by the proposed ordinances should prepare a written statement to be submitted at the public hearing. It should contain all of your arguments against the adoption of the proposed ordinances. We need 20 copies for the hearing.

Be sure to include a statement as to the time and procedure necessary to re-formulate your paints to eliminate lead, and to adequately test them before putting them on the market.

Enclosed herewith is a summary of the answers to the questions posed at our meeting held on Friday, January 14th.

Have you: (1) conferred with your Alderman, or other political contacts? (2) written to Mayor Daley? (3) written to each of the Aldermen on the Building & Zoning Committee? (4) alerted your dealers to take similar action and attend and speak at the public hearings?

We will have a meeting at the Tower Club, 39th floor, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, next Wednesday, January 26, 1972, at 2:15 P.M., to make final preparations for the public hearing the following day. We trust you will be represented at that meeting.

Very truly yours,

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SUMMARY

1. Can you reduce the lead content in all of your paints for use on interior residential surfaces, and on exterior residential surfaces accessible to children, down to .5%?
 - 3 companies say that they can meet that standard
 - 3 companies say they can meet that standard, except in exterior primers.
 - 3 companies say they can meet that standard for most of their paints, but not for all of their paints.
 - 4 companies are not certain, but think they will be able to meet that standard in one year.
2. How soon can the paint companies reduce the lead content in all of their paints involved to .5%?
 - 1 can meet it now.
 - 1 company thinks it can meet it in 6 months.
 - 3 companies do not know when they will be able to meet it.
 - 8 companies "believe" they will be able to meet it in one year.
3. Can you eliminate lead driers from all paints involved?
 - 2 companies say yes.
 - 11 companies say no.
6. What is the lowest lead content you can reach, and still use lead driers?
 - 10 companies say .5%.
 - 3 companies say .1%.
7. What is the lowest lead content you can reach if you can eliminate lead driers?
 - 10 say that they do not know at this time.
 - 2 say .5%.
 - 1 says 20ppm.
13. What part of the proposed FDA label do you believe should be on the front panel of your containers?
 - 13 companies insist on following FDA labeling procedures, i.e., the front panel should contain the following:

WARNING: CONTAINS LEAD! See
precautionary statements elsewhere
on this label.

The balance of the FDA label should be on the back panel
or elsewhere on the label.
14. How soon could your dealers re-label their entire inventory using a sticker label?
 - 13 companies answered that they do not know how long it would take for their dealers to learn from their various suppliers what the lead content is in each container on their shelves since, generally, a dealer carries more than one line of paint and has some products on his shelves that are two to three years old.

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