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**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT
DECEMBER 1972****Mass. Lead Paint Law**

The state of Mass. ban on lead-based (>.5% Pb) became effective on January 1, 1973. The NPCA filed a petition for exemption of automotive, refinish, exterior primers, and certain other paints which was similar to the proposed amendment published by the FDA on December 5. Formal action on the petition has been delayed because the State Lead Poisoning Control Director has not yet been named. However, the NPCA has been informally advised that a 3 month postponement of the effective date for products covered by the petition may be granted. Public hearings will probably be held. Exemption for products advertised and sold to the general public is unlikely. Further clarification of the state's position is expected soon.

California APC Regulations

In response to our query, the California Air Resources Board has advised that most of the populated areas of the state (counties listed) are now regulated by Rule 66 type regulations. Architectural coatings containing photochemically reactive solvents can not be sold in containers of one quart capacity or larger. While believed to be in compliance, Trade Finishes is checking to insure that this is the case.

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