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Dear Mr. Jones:

The Lead Based Paint Poison Prevention Act, Public Law. No. 91-693 restricts the amount of lead in paint coatings that are used in any building components for Federal Housing or Federal construction involving government assistance in any form.

The maximum amount of lead allowable is set at 1% by weight on a dry film basis.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development issued a revision to this act in part which may affect some of your prefinished building components. The revision defines "applicable surfaces" to include exterior surfaces which are readily accessible to children under seven years of age and specifically includes porches, doors, windows, rails, etc.

This revision also extends the term "Residential structures" beyond just houses and apartments and now includes such buildings as orphanages, boarding school dormitories, nursing homes, day care centers, etc.

This revision also stipulates that any contract involving Federal assistance (FHA, etc.) for construction or rehabilitation must include provisions that prohibit lead based paints.

One of the coatings that we supply you, Superclad 1310/Autumn Gold, G77 Y N24, contains lead based pigments. The lead content of this coating exceeds the 1% maximum limit. To assure you that your products would not be prohibited from the large, expanding housing market, we offer you our technical assistance in reformulating the Autumn Gold color so that it will contain less than 1% lead.

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In doing this, a new color standard will be necessary as substitute pigments that comply do not give a spectral match to the color standard. This means that the new formulation would not match the old color under varying light conditions.

Yours very truly,

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