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RE J. Tillman

SUBJECT FDA Ban on Lead
March 11, 1972

REFER TO LETTER OF 3-14-72 FROM JJJ

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This is to bring you up-to-date and reiterate our policy on the removal of lead from various product lines.

- (1) All interior household type paints should now be on lead free formulas ($<.00\%$ lead on NVH). A "hold production" should be placed on any interior household product not meeting this criteria, the Control Lab advised, and the product reformulated. In cases of doubt, bring the matter to my or Mr. Moore's attention.
- (2) All exterior household type paints should now be below .5% lead and preferably below .08%. All items in this category must be below .08% by October 1, 1972.
- ✓ (3) Any coating intended for toys, or any other article intended for use by children should be below .08%.
- (4) The proposed regulation could very well affect all lead based paint "packaged in a form suitable for use in or around the household"; i.e., all items available in the branches packaged in a five gallon container or less. You should continue evaluations or developments so that reformulations can be made if this becomes necessary. Brown Label products, Automotive aerosols, Industrial Maintenance and Trade-MC Traffic Paints might be included.
- (5) You should take necessary action to bring label cautions and analyses up-to-date where necessary.
- (6) The local sales manager should be advised when it is intended to use lead in any new chemical coatings formulation.

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