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MASS. LEAD REGULATIONS

Larry Thomas, NPCA Council, has been verbally advised by the Mass. authorities that permanent exemptions will be granted for the following categories of paints:

- a. Original finish paints, not available for sale to general public on retail basis, intended to be factory-applied upon manufactured goods which will not be used in residential premises;
- b. Automotive, agricultural, and industrial equipment refinish paints not available for sale to the general public on a retail basis;
- c. Industrial, and commercial building, maintenance paints, including traffic and safety markings paints not available for sale to the general public on a retail basis;
- d. Graphic art paints (including products marketed solely for application to bill boards, road signs and similar uses, and for identification marking of industrial buildings) not available for sale to the general public on a retail basis;
- e. Touch-up paints for metal machinery, appliances, vehicles, or watercraft, not available for sale to the general public on a retail basis;
- f. Exterior marine paints not available for sale to the general public on a retail basis.

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Exemptions for roof paint and exterior wood primers will not be granted.

The original labelling requirements will be relaxed somewhat and there will be a six month postponement in compliance date. Once the FDA has asserted its preemption rights, Mass. will go along with the Federal labelling requirements.

We will get more details when Mass. issues its revised regulations.

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