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**Information about the status in countries of legally-binding legislation, regulation
and standards for lead in decorative paint**

Note by the Secretariat

One of the priority actions agreed in the Roadmap for the Global Alliance was promoting the establishment of appropriate national regulatory frameworks to stop the manufacture, import, export, sale and use of lead paints and products coated with lead paint. An indicator and set of targets were agreed, as follows:

Indicator: Number of countries that have adopted legally-binding laws, regulations, standards and/or procedures to control the production, import, export, sale and use of lead paints with special attention to the elimination of lead decorative paints and lead paints for other applications most likely to contribute to childhood lead exposure.

Targets:

2013	30 countries
2015	70 countries
2020	All countries

In July 2014 the GAELP Secretariat contacted SAICM Focal Points to request information about the current status of the regulatory control of lead in decorative paints. This document reports government-verified information on regulatory status so far received. The information is presented in a table and a map.

An updated report will be provided by the GAELP Secretariat to the Second Meeting of the SAICM Open-Ended Working Group, which will meet on 15-17 December 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland. Governments that have not yet done so are encouraged to provide information to the GAELP Secretariat in order that the gaps shown in the current report can be filled.

Table 1: Situation in countries with regard to legally-binding controls on lead in decorative paints – based upon responses from SAICM Focal Points in August 2014

Country	Legally-binding legislation/regulation/standards for lead	Name of legislation	Verified by the government (Date)	Comments
Afghanistan				
Albania				
Algeria				
Andorra				
Angola				
Antigua and Barbuda				
Argentina	Yes	Law No 18.609 (1970)	14/08/2014	The law prohibits the use of white lead (lead carbonate), sulphate of lead and any other products containing these pigments. The regulations sets the limit to 600 ppm (0.06%) of dry residue.
Armenia				
Australia	Yes	The Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)	07/08/20014	The Uniform Paint Standard prohibits the manufacture, sale, supply or use of paint for any purpose containing >1000 ppm (>0.1%) lead.
Austria	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Azerbaijan				
Bahamas				
Bahrain				
Bangladesh				
Barbados				

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Belarus	Yes		12/08/2014	150 000 ppm dry residues (15%)
Belgium	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Belize				
Benin				
Bermuda				
Bhutan				
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)				
Bosnia and Herzegovina	In process	Law on Chemicals	01/08/2014	Proposed Law on chemicals will be in line with REACH regulation and is at its second reading in parliament. It will provide the basis for regulation of lead in paint.
Botswana				
Brazil	Yes	Law 11.762/2008	11/08/2014	National legislation sets the limit of paint to 600 ppm (0.06%). Law 11.762/2008 aims at prohibiting lead in household paints, while allowing for exceptions in paints used in the industry and agriculture equipment, traffic paint and other applications.
Brunei Darussalam				
Bulgaria	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Burkina Faso				
Burundi				
Cambodia				
Cameroon				
Canada	Yes	Surface Coating Materials Regulations of the Canada Consumer Product	05/08/2014	Limit of Lead: 90ppm (0.009%)

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		Safety Act (CCPSA)		
Cape Verde				
Central African Republic				
Chad				
Chile	Yes	Decreto No 374 (1997)	07/08/2014	The limit of lead regulated (with some exceptions) by the decree No 374 is set to 600 ppm (0.06%) dry weight.
China				
Colombia				
Comoros				
Congo				
Cook Islands				
Costa Rica	Yes	Law 241 Decree No 24099-S	06/09/2014	All the paint, with the exception of the ones classified in article No 2, that is imported, produced, manipulated, stored, on sale, transported, distributed or provided can have a concentration of 600 ppm (0.06%) of dry weight. In addition, paint used in toys, furniture or items for children are not allowed to contain lead.
Côte d'Ivoire	No		06/08/2014	
Croatia	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Cuba				
Cyprus	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Czech Republic	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Democratic People's				

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Republic of Korea				
Democratic Republic of the Congo				
Denmark	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Djibouti				
Dominica				
Dominican Republic				
Ecuador				
Egypt				
El Salvador				
Equatorial Guinea				
Eritrea				
Estonia	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Ethiopia				
Fiji				
Finland	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
France	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Gabon				
Gambia	No		16/08/2014	
Georgia				

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Germany	Yes	Prohibition of Chemicals Ordinance (ChemVerbotsV) and the REACH Regulations (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006)	04/08/2014	The Prohibition of Chemical Ordinance lists carbonates and lead sulphates and their mixtures in paint.
Ghana				
Greece	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Greenland				Status with respect to adoption of EU legislation to be clarified
Grenada				
Guatemala				
Guinea				
Guinea-Bissau				
Guyana				
Haiti				
Honduras	No		18/08/2014	
Hungary	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Iceland				
India				
Indonesia				
Iran (Islamic Republic of)				
Iraq				
Ireland	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the

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Israel				
Italy	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Jamaica				
Japan				
Jordan				
Kazakhstan				
Kenya	No		05/08/2014	
Kiribati				
Kuwait				
Kyrgyzstan				
Lao People's Democratic Republic				
Latvia	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Lebanon				
Lesotho				
Liberia	no		10/08/2014	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya				
Liechtenstein				
Lithuania	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Luxembourg	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the

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				substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Madagascar	no			Although there is no law prohibiting the use of lead, there is awareness of the hazard and recommendations on how to handle sources of contamination exist.
Malawi				
Malaysia				
Maldives				
Mali	No		08/07/2014	
Malta	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Marshall Islands				
Mauritania				
Mauritius	No			The State Law Office has been requested to produce draft legislation to control imported paint.
Mexico				
Micronesia (Federated States of)				
Monaco	Yes		29/07/2014	There is a custom union with France so rules regarding this kind of product are the same in both countries, therefore no national regulation or law exists or is necessary.
Mongolia				
Montenegro				
Morocco				
Mozambique				
Myanmar				
Namibia				
Nauru				
Nepal				

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Netherlands	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
New Zealand				
Nicaragua				
Niger				
Nigeria				
Niue				
Norway				
Oman	Yes		04/09/2014	The permitted percentage is 600ppm (0.06%) in accordance with the ministry of commerce and industry's ministerial decision No (4/2008) concerning the maximum lead concentration percentage in paints
Pakistan				
Palau				
Panama	Yes	Law 36 and Decree No 255	11/08/2014	Law 36 sets the level for paint and other coverings to 600 ppm (0.06%) of dry weight
Papua New Guinea				
Paraguay				
Peru				
Philippines	Yes	Pursuant to Republic Act 6969 otherwise known as the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Act of 1990, DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No 29, s. 1992 (Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 6969) and DAO 05, Series of 2005 (Toxic Chemical Substances for Issuance of	08/09/2014	Lead Paints- paints or other similar surface coating materials containing lead or lead compounds in excess of 90 ppm (0.009%) of weight of the total non-volatile content of the weight of the dried paints film.

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		Chemical Control Orders)		
Poland	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Portugal	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Puerto Rico				
Qatar				
Republic of Korea				
Republic of Moldova				
Romania	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Russian Federation				
Rwanda				
Saint Kitts and Nevis				
Saint Lucia				
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines				
Samoa				
San Marino				

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Sao Tome and Principe				
Saudi Arabia				
Senegal	No			
Serbia	Yes	Law on Chemicals (Official Gazette of RS, No. 36/09, 88/10, 92/11 and 93/12) and Rulebook on Bans and Restrictions of Production, Placing on the Market and Use of Chemicals (Official Gazette of RS, No. 90/2013) – Annex 1, Chapter 1 – List of bans and restrictions	08/08/2014	Adopts requirements of Annex VII of REACH regulation
Seychelles				
Sierra Leone				
Singapore				
Slovakia	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Slovenia	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Solomon Islands				
Somalia				
South Africa	Yes	The minister of health has, in terms of section 2(1) of the hazardous substances act, 1973 (act No. 15 of 1973), declared the substance mentioned in the schedule hereto to be group 1 hazardous substance.	15/09/2014	Should the lead content of decorative paint be or exceed the acceptable limit of 600 ppm (0.06%) then such paint is declared to be a group 1 hazardous substance, due to being flammable, toxic and can cause ill health.

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South Sudan				
Spain	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Sri Lanka				
Sudan				
Suriname				
Swaziland				
Sweden	Yes	REACH		Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.
Switzerland	Yes	The placing on the market of packaging and packaging components treated with cadmium- or lead-containing paints or varnishes is governed by Annex 2.16 Number 4	09/09/2014	It is prohibited for manufacturers to place on the market lead-containing paints and varnishes, or articles treated with such paints and varnishes. Lead-containing paints and varnishes are paints and varnishes containing lead or lead compounds and with a lead content of 100 ppm (0.01%) or more by mass
Syrian Arab Republic				
Tajikistan	No		07/08/2014	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia				
Thailand				
Timor-Leste				
Togo				
Tokelau				
Tonga				
Trinidad and Tobago				
Tunisia				
Turkey				
Turkmenistan				

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Tuvalu				
Uganda				
Ukraine				
United Arab Emirates	No		21/08/2014	The government is currently preparing legislation dealing with the regulation of lead, the private sector has limited the use of lead because of the health risks involved
United Kingdom	Yes	REACH (regulation 8 of the REACH Enforcement Regulations 2008 (SI 2008 No. 2852))	12/08/2014	Lead carbonate and lead sulphate shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint. Exception for specialised use on historic buildings.
United Republic of Tanzania				
United States of America	Yes	Consumer Product Safety Act (1977) amended by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (2008)	09/02/2014	All children's products, including toys, and some furniture, for adult and children, must not contain a concentration of lead greater than 90 ppm (0.009%) in paint or any similar surface coatings. (The concentration is based on the weight in the non-volatile portion of the dried paint film.) Household paint must also meet this requirement.
Uruguay	Yes	Ley No 17.775	15/09/2014	"It is prohibited to production and import of household paint, and in addition decorative paint used in households or decoration, with a level of plumb that exceeds the maximum allowed level." According to a study this level is set to 600 ppm (0.06%)
Uzbekistan				
Vanuatu				
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				
Viet Nam				
Yemen				

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Zambia				
Zimbabwe				

Figure 1: Map showing countries that have in place legally-binding controls over lead in decorative paint – based on information received from SAICM Focal Points.

