Industry Support for the Elimination of Lead Paint

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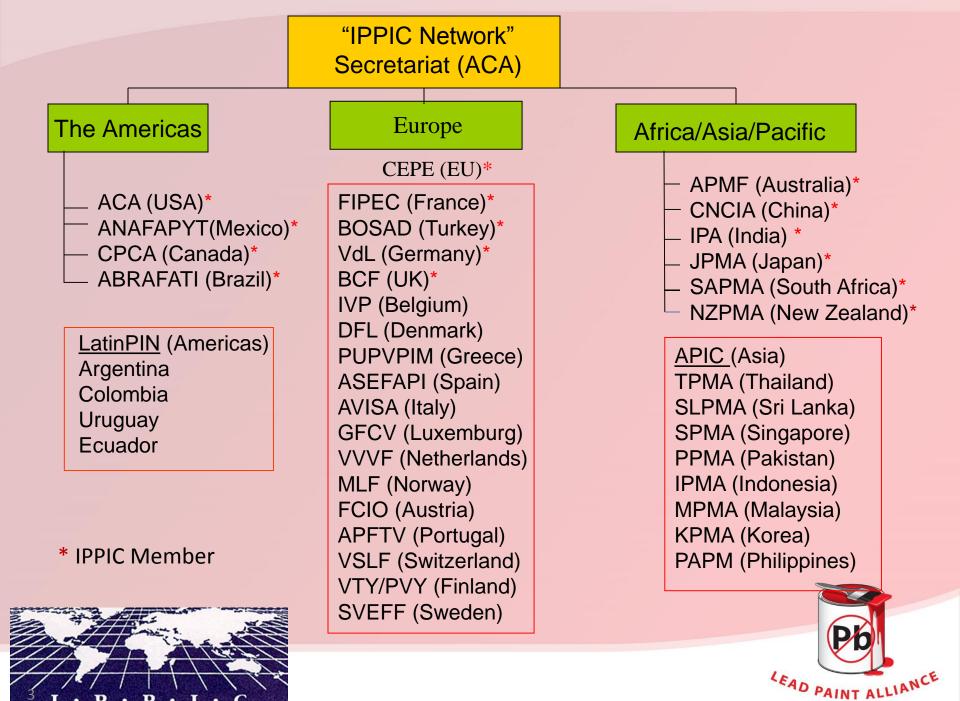


GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT

Introduction to IPPIC

- IPPIC is a global council of national trade associations representing the paint and printing ink industries
- Established in 1992
 - Networking
 - Information sharing
 - Policy development at national/international level
- Formal Consultative Status with the UN (ECOSOC) in 2003





IPPIC Resolution on Restricting Use of Lead in Paint (2008)

"IPPIC supports the long-standing effectiveness of lead-use restrictions that are already in place in certain jurisdictions and recommends their widespread adoption by authorities not currently regulating the use of lead in paint and printing ink.

Such restrictions may be accomplished through specific legislation or regulation, formal voluntary agreements, or by other means that ensure widespread and verifiable compliance."



IPPIC's Commitment to LPA

- Increase industry understanding of the potential human health and environmental risks associated with continued use of lead in paint
- Reinforce the technical reformulation requirements that:
 - Allow for compliance with (applicable) lead use restrictions in paint
 - Provide for alternative products that meet performance requirements
- Establish a "level playing field" for manufacturers by actively engaging governments (and their associated regulatory agencies or official agents) in the development and enforcement of lead use restrictions



IPPIC Supports Special Emphasis of LPA on Residential and Decorative Paints:

- Widespread industry conformance with existing legal requirements restricting lead in residential and decorative paints
 - Governments with established regulations have restricted lead use in 95% of global residential and decorative paint production
- Globally, residential and decorative paints without added lead are widely available
 - Continued lead use in residential and decorative paints is primarily centered on production by Small and Mediumsized Enterprises (SME's)
- Reformulation of residential and decorative paints is feasible to eliminate lead use
 - Technical and cost impacts are manageable



Current Industry Collaboration with Governments

- South Africa
- Philippines
- Vietnam
- Thailand
- Japan
- Taiwan
- South Korea
- New Zealand

NOTE: Specific details of these collaborative efforts may be obtained from the national governments or by contacting IPPIC (secretariat@ippic.org) for further information



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