



GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT INFORMATION ON BECOMING A CONTRIBUTOR

The Global Alliance is a voluntary collaborative initiative to focus and catalyze the efforts of a diverse range of stakeholders to achieve international goals to prevent children's exposure to lead from paint and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint. The Global Alliance is a joint undertaking of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE

- Making a commitment to achieving the overall goals and objectives of the work of the Global Alliance.
- Contributing financially and/or in-kind technical expertise to the development & implementation of activities which help in achieving the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance.
- Working in accordance with the operational framework for the work of the Global Alliance
- Being identified publically as a contributor on the Global Alliance website.
- Networking, sharing information & participating with other contributors in the Global Alliance.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE

The overall goal of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint is to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint. The broad objective is to phase out the manufacture and sale of paints containing lead and eventually to eliminate the risks that such paint pose. The participation of representative and interested experts from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non governmental organizations including civil society, regional bodies, philanthropic organizations, academia, the media and the private sector is encouraged.

The work of the Global Alliance is organized in five focal areas:

- ① Environmental aspects,
- ② Health aspects,
- ③ Worker's health,
- ④ Legislation and regulation, and
- ⑤ Outreach to industry.

HOW TO BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT

Government departments, organizations and individuals who wish to become GAELP Contributors should provide a letter of intent setting out the commitment of the contributor to the overall goals and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead paint provide information on the specific initiatives being undertaken in support of the overall goals and objectives of the Global Alliance.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE LETTER OF INTENT TO BOTH:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT UNEP AND WHO AT THE ABOVE ADDRESSES.
[HTTP: //WWW.UNEP.ORG/HAZARDOUSSUBSTANCES/](http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/)



International Paint & Printing Ink Council

September 16, 2013

To whom it may concern

Subject: Request to be considered a contributor to the work of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

The International Paint and Printing Ink Council, Inc. (IPPIC) is an organization whose membership is comprised of trade associations from around the globe representing the interests of the paint and printing ink industries. IPPIC established the following policy statement in 2009 that aligns with the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP).

“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.”

Further, IPPIC notes *“the overall goal of GAELP is to:*

“prevent children’s exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposure to lead paint,” and include...

“the participation of representatives and interested experts from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGO’s) including civil society, regional bodies, philanthropic organizations, academia, the media and the private sector.”¹

IPPIC is an NGO that has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and wishes to be considered a contributor to specific aspects of its work as outlined in the formal GAELP Business Plan. IPPIC’s activities will be focused on one aspect of that plan²:

“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 paints”

¹ <http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/Home/tabid/197/hazardoussubstances/LeadCadmium/PrioritiesforAction/GAELP/tabid/6176/Default.aspx>

² http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/Portals/9/Lead_Cadmium/docs/Info/business_plan_en.pdf

The contribution IPPIC expects to make to the work of the Global Alliance is as follows:

1. Document current legislative and regulatory requirements for lead use in paints, including the rationale used in establishing restrictions and required technical limitations and related safeguards that may currently allow for continued uses.
2. Develop “model” legislation and regulatory framework language that will facilitate industry compliance with any established restrictions on lead in paint.
3. Issue a supportive press release on GAELP’s planned “International Week of Recognition of Lead Poisoning³” (October 20-26th 2013) and encourage IPPIC members to do the same.

IPPIC understands that this letter of intent is not legally binding and that a copy of this letter of commitment and the name of International Paint and Printing Ink Council, Inc. will be publicly listed on the Global Alliance web site.

Yours sincerely,



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for the IPPIC Secretariat

³<http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/LeadCadmium/PrioritiesforAction/LeadPaints/FocalAreasofWork/GAELP/tabid/106381/Default.aspx>