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## Appel conjoint pour une norme pour limiter l'utilisation du plomb dans la peinture

## Présentation des faits

Les résultats préliminaires des récents travaux conduits par le Centre de Recherche et d'Education pour le Développement (CREPD) en paternariat avec Occupational knowledge International aux Etats Unies d'Amérique, montrent que les niveaux de concentration de plomb dans les peintures commercialisées dans les quincailleries sont très élevés.

## La nécessité d'une norme nationale

### Comparé au fait que:

- ✓ L'Alliance Mondiale pour l'Elimination des Peintures contenant du Plomb (GAELP) a été créée par le Programme des Nations Unies pour l'Environnement (PNUE) et l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS), à la demande de la Conférence Internationale sur la Gestion des Produits Chimiques, pour promouvoir l'élimination de la production et de la vente des peintures dans lesquelles les pigments de plomb et autres composés de plomb ont été ajoutés.
- ✓ Les autorités sanitaires à travers le monde ont démontré que le plomb est une source importante d'exposition à l'enfance.
- ✓ L'Organisation Mondiale pour la Santé (OMS) a déclaré qu'il n'y a pas niveau d'exposition sûr pour les enfants vis-à-vis du plomb.
- ✓ Les expositions de l'enfance même à des niveaux très de concentration très faibles réduisent l'intelligence tel que mesurés par la performance scolaire standardisées normalisées, et les réalisations d'apprentissages.

Par conséquent les signataires ci-joint appellent à l'initiation immédiate du processus en vu du développement d'une norme obligatoire pour éliminer les peintures à plomb au Cameroun qui inclurait:

1. Une définition claire de ce qu'il faut entendre par «peinture à plomb» incluant les vernis, laques, teintes, emails, colles vernis, apprêts ou les couches ou revêtements.

2. Une fixation d'un seuil de concentration acceptable du plomb pour les nouvelles peintures et qui soit en adéquation avec les standards internationaux; c'est-à-dire une concentration en plomb de moins de 90 ppm sur la base de la matière sèche.

3. Une restriction sur l'utilisation de tout composé de plomb dans les peintures fabriquées, importées,

exportées, et/ou distribuées au Cameroun.

4. Une restriction sur l'utilisation des peintures à plomb pou le revêtement ou l'embellissement des produits et jouets fabriqués, importés, exportés, et/ou distribués au Cameroun.

5. La régulation proposée devrait aussi préciser:

- a. Une méthode analytique existante pour le plomb dans la peinture séchée
- b. Une date pour la mise en application effective de la nonne
- c. Un mécanisme viable de la mise en application.
- d. Des exigences d'un système uniforme d'étiquetage, et
- c. Une reconnaissance à un organisme national conjune senteure indépendante de certification

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# 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,
- Legislation and regulation, and
- © Outreach to industry.

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

Organizations and individuals should complete the attached questionnaire to provide information on the specific initiatives being undertaken in support of the overall goals and objectives of the Global Alliance. The completed questionnaire should be accompanied by 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.

#### PLEASE SUBMIT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO BOTH:

Head, Chemicals Branch
Att: David Piper / Juan Caicedo
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Division of Technology, Industry and Economics

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Public Health and Environment

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# GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS

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FIRST NAME			Gilbert						
		A) Government							
TO WHICH S	ECTOR	DO YOU	B) Intergovernmental organization						
IDENTIFY YOUR INSTI			C) Non-governmental organization					Х	
(ONE ANSWE	R ONLY)		(e.g.	Other academia, media, private r, interested individuals, e	tc.)				
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	TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	Financial (estimated amount)				
		In-kind (please describe below)				
		Materials (please describe below)	X			
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	Please describe in the space below the activity that you would like recognized as a contribution. Wherever possible, please select which one of the descriptions from the list in the annex most closely aligns with your proposed contribution					
	I can serve to update GAELP on status of regulations in Cameroon and as the national advocate/coordinator for eliminating lead in paint and CREPD can coordinate a network to include consumer groups, public health professionals, paint companies, and other interested parties to work on this issue in Cameroon.					

My contribution most closely aligns with the work described in the annex section A B,C,D E and F (please select which ones that apply and give number of activity)

PLEASE SIGN THE FORM BELOW		
Name	KUEPOUO Gilbert	
Signature	A Company of the comp	
Date	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2011	
PLEASE ATT	ACH YOUR LETTER OF INTENT TO THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE	

## **ANNEX**

## **EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES THAT MAY DESCRIBE POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Α		Health Aspects (including lead toxicity and human exposure, but excluding workers health)
	A1	Exchange information on the effects of lead on health
	A2	Exchange information on pathways of exposure to lead paint for children and adults
	A3	Provide technical expertise in the design and implementation of studies to estimate the distribution of levels of lead in blood in the populations of other nations
	A4	Encourage nations to monitor health to estimate the prevalence of lead in human blood
Χ	A5	Build capacity and sharing information to monitor health to estimate the prevalence of lead in human blood
	A6	Build capacity and providing training to develop and maintain high-quality laboratory testing for lead in blood
	A7	Assess the hazards of substitutes for lead compounds in paint
Χ	A8	Discuss and building capacity on how to reach health providers, caretakers and parents on how to minimize children's exposure to lead from lead paint hazards as part of efforts to minimize exposures to all sources of lead exposure in the household
Χ	A9	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
Χ	A10	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
В		Environmental Aspects
Χ	B1	Encourage nations to conduct monitoring to estimate the prevalence of lead in the environment (for example, in water, soil and animals)
Χ	B2	Exchange information on lead levels in paints in various countries
	В3	Assess the hazards of substitutes for lead compounds in paint
	B4	Encourage nations to conduct housing surveys to estimate the prevalence of lead paint in their housing stock
	B5	Develop guidelines with descriptions of simple analytical methods and test kits to identify lead paints
	B6	Build capacity and providing information and knowledge in human and laboratory equipment to facilitate laboratory tests for lead paint
	B7	Exchange information on methods to make housing and other buildings with lead paint safe for occupancy by children and pregnant women
	B8	Minimize risks of previously applied lead paint in buildings by using effective containment
	B9	Enhance the elimination of lead paint in schools and other buildings where children will be present, given children's susceptibility to lead
Χ	B10	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
	B11	Exchange information on safe disposal of lead paint waste
	B12	Develop approaches to manage and store waste containing lead paints
Χ	B13	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
С		Workers Health (including home-owners repairs)
	C1	Exchange information on safe methods to conduct repair or renovation activities on the interior and exterior of homes and other buildings that contain lead paint to minimize exposures to residents and workers and to minimize releases to the environment (including from wastes) that may contribute to future exposures
Χ	C2	Discuss steps to teach renovators, painters and other professionals how to minimize children's exposure to lead from lead paint
Х	C3	Exchange information on steps to warn workers of their vulnerability and exposure to lead in small-sized and medium-sized enterprises, in particular in developing countries
Χ	C4	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
Χ	C5	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance

D		Legislation and Regulation
Х	D1	Exchange information on national, provincial, State and local regulations and legislation on lead concentrations in paints permitted in various countries
Х	D2	Develop guidelines for establishing national standards, including those that would permit the use only of lead-free paints
	D3	Encourage nations to require that only lead-free paint may be used in construction activities or renovations being supported with government funds
	D4	Provide guidance for and information on effective enforcement of national standards, including on how to avoid smuggling of lead paint
	D5	Build the legal enforcement capacity of environmental health officers in ministries, local authorities and mines
х	D6	Provide international support to developing countries by devising further methods to enact comprehensive legislation to phase out lead paint completely
	D7	Exchange information and providing international support to strengthen and harmonize existing national legislation that focuses on protecting public health in relation to the phase-out of lead paint
	D8	Build capacity and providing information and knowledge to help officials in a range of ministries to test for lead paint
Х	D9	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
Х	D10	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
Ε		Outreach to industry (including informal sector and small and medium enterprises)
Х	E1	Exchange information on labelling and certification systems with regard to the presence and concentrations of lead in paint
	E2	Discuss and providing technical assistance on steps that could be taken to phase out lead from paints and surface coatings such as lacquers, veneers and powder coatings worldwide
	E3	Encourage the use of financial incentives to support the use of lead-free paints
	E4	Share knowledge on the availability of substitutes to replace lead compounds in paints
	E5	Assess the feasibility of the voluntary phase-out of the production of lead in paint in cooperation with business and industry, including at the (sub)regional level
Х	E6	Encourage wholesalers and retailers to halt sales of lead paints
	E7	Exchange information on suggestions for warning labels on new cans of paint alerting users to the health risks that could result if the surfaces being prepared for repainting contain lead paints
Х	E8	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
Х	E9	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
F		National Contributors (including activities to champion the implementation of GAELP goals and objectives at national and local levels)
X	F1	Translate GAELP-related materials into national or local languages
Х	F2	Disseminate GAELP-related materials nationally or locally
Х	F3	Establish a GAELP-related web site in national or local languages with links to the GAELP web site
Х	F4	Test the lead content of paints sold or used nationally or locally and disseminate results
Х	F5	Mobilize national or local support for lead paint elimination within civil society and/or the health professions
Х	F6	Undertake communications activities aimed at raising public awareness about lead paint and its hazards and at promoting consumer avoidance of lead paints
Х	F7	Provide information to national or local manufacturers of lead paints on how to efficiently reformulate their paints
Х	F8	Contribute to the establishment of regional or national voluntary third-party paint certification and labeling programs
Х	F9	Engage in policy dialogue to promote legislation or regulations to prohibit the manufacture, import, sale and use of lead paints
Х	F10	Monitor compliance with national legislation, regulations or standards controlling the lead content of paints manufactured, imported, sold or used nationally and locally