



Draft Lead in Paints Regulation in Ethiopia

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1. Introduction

Constitutional Provisions

- Environmental rights (art.44)
(...right to a clean and healthy environment)
- sustainable development (art.43)
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Environmental Policy of Ethiopia

Environmental Pollution Control Proc.No.300/2002

- The study result is very alarming

2. Things we done

- **Activities prior to the formulation of the regulation**
- **Cognizant of the adverse effect of Lead , Ethiopia has conducted a study (PAN Ethiopia) on lead paints**
- **Awareness creation for media people, Academia**
- **Preparing draft regulation**
- **Workshop (To collect impute from the stakeholders) the ministry of health**

3. Areas addressed in the draft regulation

- **Minimum concentration of Lead in Paint**
- No paint factory will produce, import, distribute, sell and export a paint with lead content more than 90 ppm
- The regulation will not be applicable to Paints produced, stored or imported prior to the enactment of regulation
- A grace period of two year will be given to existing factories to comply with regulation

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- Any existing factory should produce and submit **plan of action** how to be able to comply with the regulation or produce paint with lead content less than 90 ppm
- **Labeling**
- **Certificate of Conformity assessment**
- **Disposal of lead in paint and safety measures**

Offences Relating to illegal production

- A natural person commits an offence if he produces paints contrary to the provisions of this regulation issued hereunder and is liable, on conviction,
- To a fine of not less than 300,000 Birr (14,000 USD) and not
- More than 500,000 Birr (23,000 USD) or to an imprisonment of not less than five year and not more than ten years or both

Thank you for your attention