

UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF KENYAN STANDARDS TO REGULATE LEAD IN ALL PAINTS

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CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA WORKSHOP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NATIONAL AND REGIONAL REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS ON LEAD
IN PAINTS



YAOUNDÉ, THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

8-9 DECEMBER 2016

THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE STANDARD TO REGULATE LEAD IN PAINTS

- The process of developing standard to regulate lead in paints began by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) after the Workshop that took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 2nd – 4th December 2015, where Government Officials and Stakeholders from 15 African Countries joined Lead Paint Alliance Partners and agreed on 90 ppm as the total permissive level of lead in paint.

KENYA BUREAU OF STANDARD

- KEBS is a Government Institution in Kenya mandated to develop standards. It was established in 1974 through “The Standards Act” Cap. 496 of Laws of Kenya under the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives.
- **In March 2016**, the Technical Committee (TC) Members of KEBS embarked on the process of developing the two drafts Standards that will regulate total amount of lead content in paints, varnishes, coatings and related products.

TC INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WERE DRAWN FROM:

1. KEBS serves as the Secretariat
2. Ministry of Public Works
3. Maroo Polymers Ltd
4. Galaxy Paints
5. Sadolin Paints
6. Kenya Ferry Services
7. Kenya Ports Authority
8. Southern Engineering Company
9. University of Nairobi
10. Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute
11. Government Chemist Department
12. Crowns Paints Ltd
13. Consumer Information Network
14. Kenya Paints Association
15. Kenya Pipeline Co. Ltd.
16. Basco Paints
17. Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure
18. National Environment Management Authority

THE DRAFT STANDARDS

- KS 2661-1:2016 Paints, varnishes, coatings and related products — Determination of total lead— Part 1: Preliminary examination of samples and sampling procedure.
- Cks 2661-2:2016 Paints, varnishes, coatings and related products — Determination of total lead— Part 2: Maximum permissible content of total lead based on dry weight.

PUBLIC ENQUIRY AND STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATION

- The public enquiry period of mandatory 60 days ended on 25th August 2016.
- Comments from several stakeholders were evaluated as appropriate and incorporated during the TC meeting at KEBS on 27th October 2016.
- The TC members balloted on the draft to proceed to the next level and only one company voted against.
- The decision to proceed to the next level was informed by the simple majority requirement hence the drafts proceeded to next stage

NEXT LEVEL APPROVALS

- Board of directors of KEBS known as Standards Approval Committee (SAC) will approve the Standards as Kenya Standards by 20th December 2016.
- The Standards will be gazetted as Kenya Standards ready for Implementation by March 2017.

RELATED ACTIVITIES IN KENYA OCT. 2016

- UNEP sponsored a video-footage with participation of informal paint manufacturers, formal paint manufacturers schools and Kenyatta National Hospital to highlight practical issues on the ground about lead poisoning.
- This was aimed at creating awareness to prompt action towards Establishment of National Standards and Regulations to Eliminate Lead in Paint. These activities are available on the UNEP website.

NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK OF ACTION

24TH – 29TH OCTOBER 2016

Building Commitment among Stakeholders and Collaboration towards Establishment of National Standards and Regulations to Eliminate Lead in Paint

Hosted by the Mombasa Technical Training Institute in collaboration with the University of Nairobi, Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute and Eco-ethics Kenya on 29th Oct. 2016



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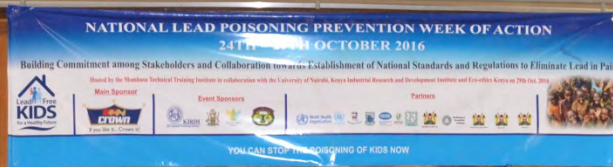
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MOMBASA WORKSHOP DURING ILPPWA

- The theme was Building Commitment among Stakeholders and Collaboration towards Establishment of National Standards and Regulations to Eliminate Lead in Paint”
- The event was sponsored by Crowns Paints manufacturing Company that serves the East Africa Region
- It was hosted by three Institutions: University of Nairobi, Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute and Eco-ethics Kenya on 29th October 2016
- Participation of several stakeholders

MOMBASA HAS A HISTORY.....

- Incidents of lead poisoning involving a poorly controlled battery recycling facility came to the public domain 2014
- The contaminated site requires massive resources to clean-up the site
- The humid and saline conditions of Mombasa further contribute to higher levels of exposure to lead due to accelerated deterioration of paint.
- More information about the event can be found:
- Banner, brochure, standard Newspaper Kenya Link: Daily Nation
- Newspaper and Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) Magazine issue 12

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Wednesday Life

Poison: Lead in paints killing you slowly

By Alty Jamah | Wednesday, Nov 30th 2016 at 07:18



Lead paints

For Dr Faridah Hussein Were, a University of Nairobi lecturer, it is a race against time to have paints containing toxic heavy metal, lead, phased out from the country.

The lecturer in the university's Chemistry Department and a research scientist is emphatic that lead paints should not be on sale in Kenya as they are exposing many children and adults to devastating impact of lead poisoning and yet there are safer, more viable

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/mobile/article/2000225237/poison-lead-in-paints-killing-you-slowly>

THE PROCESS OF HARMONIZATION OF EAC STANDARD

- Proposal to amend the EAC Standards on paints and allied products to comply to 90 ppm maximum total lead was submitted to twining secretariat of UNBS on 28th November 2016.
- The secretariat is expected to initiate the review process by circulating the proposal to the partner states for consideration.
- Member countries are supposed to develop country position on this and forward to the secretariat.
- Regional harmonization meeting shall be held to discuss the review comments and adopt them
- However, due to budgetary constraints to fund the regional harmonization. The process may be slowed down at this point.

FURTHER INFORMATION AT WWW.KEBS.ORG

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