

JPMA Lead Elimination Efforts

In order to reach the goal set by the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) to phase out lead paint by 2020, JPMA revised "JPMA Board Resolution Regarding Lead Risk Reduction of Paints" originally resolved and published in 1996, to express our commitment to enhance replacement of lead, and to abolish the use of lead in paints.

Revised Resolution of Japan Paint Manufacturers Association (JPMA) for elimination of leaded paints.

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JPMA issued "JPMA Board Resolution Regarding Lead Risk Reduction of Paints" in July 1996, and has been working according to the resolution. The voluntary effort has reduced the use of leaded paint remarkably as shown in the graph below. To meet with the enhanced international efforts to eliminate lead in paints by 2020, JPMA shall revise the said resolution as follows, and thoroughly enhance our efforts.

1. General Usages such as interior / exterior decorative paints, except for the usage specified in paragraph 2.
 - (1) Shall proceed on abolishment of any existing Japan Industrial Standards (JIS) referring to leaded paints, and at the same time, proceed to remove obligation of its use from Standard Specification of Public Construction/Reforming Works (supervised by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, MLIT.) This process shall abolish the use of leaded paints in public sector.
 - (2) In addition to an action to the public use as said in clause (1), in order to abolish leaded paints for any general usages, each member company shall recognize its importance, and work on the discussion with the users to obtain full understanding, and once a member company completes the process, each company shall voluntarily declare and publish ***the plan or actual achievement to end the manufacturing and distribution of leaded paints by the end of fiscal 2018, i.e. March 2019, at the latest.***
 - (3) As for the non-member companies, JPMA shall inform related parties, and make utmost efforts to encourage and enhance their understandings for the abolishment.

2. Special Usage

Special use such, where lead is inevitable to secure life and national safety, it's difficult to forecast the schedule of elimination. We shall identify and specify the concerned usages, consult and discuss with national bodies (such as Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and other government bodies,) and take necessary measures to realize elimination by 2020.

