



NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 11 September 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of New Zealand.

Title: Cutting lead levels in paints: proposed amendments to group standards.

Reason for Addendum:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comment period changed - date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure adopted - date: 19 August 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure published - date: 22 August 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure enters into force - date: 1 March 2025; (except for amendment in clause 8(6) which enters into force 19 September 2024)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Text of final measure available from ¹ : https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-au4158 https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/decided/lead-in-paints/
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ : New deadline for comments (if applicable):
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from ¹ :
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

Description: In accordance with article 2.9.2 of the WTO, New Zealand notified the proposal to amend group standards that regulate paints and graphic materials in order to reduce the maximum allowable levels of lead in paint and ensure the protection of human health and the environment.

The proposals have now been adopted and include the following changes, most coming into effect 1 March 2025:

- lead impurities in all paints covered by the Surface Coatings and Colourants Group Standards and Aerosols Group Standards must not exceed 90 ppm
- anti-rust paints using the Corrosion Inhibitors Group Standards now must also meet the 90 ppm lead impurity limits

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

- importers and manufacturers must have test results (or other evidence) showing compliance with the lead limits
- paint used on toys and cots must meet the EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021 standard, and any paint that does not meet these requirements must include on the label the precautionary statement "Not suitable for use on children's toys or cots"
- all art materials marketed to children are only covered by the Graphic Materials Group Standard
- art materials using the Graphic Materials Group Standard must meet the lower element migration levels in the EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021 standard
- leachable element notification requirement from the Graphic Materials Group Standard is no longer necessary (effective 19 September 2024).

Any non-compliant stock must be disposed of by 1 September 2025.
