Overview of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and Global Status of Laws

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Outline

• Overview of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint
• Status of lead paint laws globally
• Advice available through the SAICM GEF project
Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint
(Lead Paint Alliance)

• Voluntary global public/private partnership

• Modeled on successful Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles
  o Goal: Establish lead paint laws in every country
  o Only 40% of all countries in the world have lead paint laws, as of September 2020)

• Voluntary national standards not effective

• Promote proven successful approach in countries
  o Governments work with relevant ministries and stakeholders
  o They develop legal limit on lead in paint using Model Law
Lead Paint Alliance Advisory Council

Governments
- Colombia
- Kenya
- Republic of Moldova
- Thailand
- United States of America (Chair)

NGOs
- Rule of Law Initiative
- IPEN
- Health and Environment Alliance

Industry
- World Coatings Council
- AkzoNobel
Solving the Problem Together

How it can be done

The goal is to **establish lead paint laws** in every country

Lead paint elimination is gaining **momentum globally**

This problem can be solved in the **foreseeable future**

**Key steps** countries can take:

- Identify and obtain support from main government ministries and stakeholders for the development of lead paint laws
- Convene drafting committee to draft a law
- Conduct public review of draft law
- Promulgate the law
Growing Momentum

**Global**
Lead in Paint as a SAICM Emerging Policy Issue
2017: Resolution on lead paint at the Third UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 3)
2017: World Health Assembly Chemicals Management Roadmap
2019-2021: SAICM GEF project: Aim for 40 or more countries to pass lead paint new laws or improve existing laws

**Regional**
2012-2015: IPEN EU SWITCH-Asia Lead Paint Elimination Project (6 new regulations)
2014-2017: UNEP-IPEN GEF Lead Paint Elimination Project in Africa (3 new regulations)

**National**
Seventy-seven countries (40%) have lead paint laws
Global Lead Paint Testing

- IPEN member NGOs published studies in 59 countries to date
- IPEN studies showed that where no enforced regulation is in place, there will be lead paint on the market

Link to the map: https://ipen.org/projects/eliminating-lead-paint/lead-levels-paint-around-world
Model Law

- UNEP developed the **Model Law and Guidance for Regulating Lead Paint**
- Requested by governments; developed by the Alliance
- Supported by Industry and NGOs
- Provides best available and practical approach to a lead paint law
- Includes a 90 ppm total lead limit in paint
- Adaptable to each country’s regulatory framework

**Lead Paint Laws**

Legal mechanisms that establishes a binding, enforceable limit on lead in paint with penalties for non-compliance.

Examples: legislation, regulations, ordinances or mandatory standards
Brief Global History of Lead Paint Laws

Early 1900s:
The hazard of lead paint was recognized by doctors a long time ago.

1920s-30s:
Initial actions by countries to ban the use of lead carbonates and sulfates in paints through ILO Convention on White Lead. (Effective in 1923, ratified by 63 countries)

1970s-90s:
A small number of countries began to look again at problem of lead in paint, and to introduce more comprehensive laws.

2000-2019:
Lead paint laws have become more restrictive as the health hazards of lead have become better understood and more countries are beginning to introduce laws.
Global Status Update

Percent of Countries with Lead Paint Laws in Each UNEP Region (September 2020)

- **100.0%**
  - 2 countries
  - 100% of countries

- **78%**
  - 42 countries
  - 78% of countries

- **25.5%**
  - 10 countries
  - 25.5% of countries

- **11%**
  - 16 countries
  - 11% of countries

- **39%**
  - 13 countries
  - 39% of countries

- **36%**
  - 4 countries
  - 36% of countries

About 40% of countries (77) have laws.

Source: [https://chemicalswithoutconcern.org/content/lead-paint-law-map](https://chemicalswithoutconcern.org/content/lead-paint-law-map)
Lead Paint Law Status

Interactive Map

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SAICM GEF project lead in paint component

Progress

Countries passed/strengthened lead paint legislation since September 2018 (Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Israel and Pakistan)

Countries at the final stages of drafting lead paint laws (Bosnia Herzegovina, Brazil, Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Jordan, Mexico, Peru, Rwanda, Ukraine, Vietnam and Zambia)

Paint producer (Jordan and Ecuador) have finished the reformulation process and can now produce lead-free paint. Other 32 companies agreed to participate in the paint reformulation demonstrations and 15 are engaged in the reformulation process. Draft technical guidelines available

Countries are being currently assisted by the project
How the Project Will Help Governments Establish Lead Paint Laws

ABA ROLI
Benin, El Salvador, Guatemala, Liberia, Palau, Sierra Leone

IPEN
Côte d’Ivoire, the Gambia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Malaysia, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Ukraine, Zambia

UNEP
Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Guinea, Guyana, Jamaica, Jordan, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Niger, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda

US EPA
Cambodia, Ghana, Mexico, Rwanda, South Africa, Vietnam

WHO
Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Fiji, Honduras, Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan, Gabon, Georgia, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Russia Tunisia, Sudan

61 Countries are being currently assisted by the project (57 initially targeted and 4 additional)

Legal review/drafting of lead paint legislation (Organization of legal drafting meetings) (ABA ROLI, UNEP, WHO, US EPA)

Awareness raising activities (ILPPW and funding available from WHO for country-level activities) (WHO and IPEN)

Stakeholder engagement (Multistakeholder meetings) and technical information (Technical documents, webinars) (All partners)
Thank you!

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