

14 October 2024.

To: All Dura Paints Customers.

Re: Hazardous Substances Act – Publication of Lead in Paint as Group II hazardous substance.

Regulations under the Act, pertaining to lead in paint or coating materials have been published on 17 May 2024. These regulations relating to lead in paint or coating materials have the following implications and timings:

Effective Date	Implications
17 May 2025	Lead containing paint or similar coating material may no longer be manufactured, sold, distributed or used. All paint and coating material must comply with the max permissible lead limit of 90 ppm or less.
17 May 2026	The labels and packaging of all paint or coating materials must comply with GHS and the prescriptions of the Act in this regard. Products <i>cannot claim to be lead free</i> , only that they comply with the legal lead limit of 90 ppm or less.

The Act denotes the following offences and penalties:

Offence	Penalty
Failure to furnish compliance certificates	R500 000 or imprisonment
Issuance of false compliance certificates	R250 000 or imprisonment
Any manufacturer, importer, distributor, exporter or retailer who contravenes the provisions or prohibitions of the Act	Guilty of an offence and liable to a fine or imprisonment.
Any manufacturer who contravenes the max legal lead limit of 90ppm	Business premises will be closed.

Dura Paints is committed to this transition and compliance. All our water-based coatings are already aligned and will be subjected to compliance certification. We have already eliminated Lead Octate dryers and begun phasing out the use of Lead Chromate pigments in order to comply with the requirements of the Act. As from 1 December 2024, Dura Paints will no longer manufacture any product using Lead Chromate Pigments.

All product Safety Data Sheets will accordingly be updated over the next number of months.

The move to comply with legislation requires Lead Chromate Pigments are substituted with organic pigments, or other suitable alternatives. This will have a cost / price implication on the reformulated product. In order to effectively transition into the legal lead limit of 90 ppm or less, we recommend:

1. Customers may order standard, Lead Chromate Pigment containing coatings prior to December 2024 in order to avoid reformulated product price increases in 2025.
2. As from 1 December 2024, products containing Lead Chromate Pigments (Lemon Yellow/Chrome Yellow/Orange (Scarlet)) will no longer be manufactured and will only be sold on an “as available basis”.
3. With effect from 1 May 2025 no Lead Chromate based products will be sold or permitted on Dura Paints premises.



4. We recommend that customers run down traditional Lead Chromate coating stock levels during Q1 in 2025 in order to meet the prohibition requirements restricting the use of non-compliant paint or coating material, effective 17 May 2025.

See attached SAPMA link regarding this legislation for more information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI5Fzssrb9Y>

Please feel discuss your requirements and options available with your Technical Sales Representative or Branch Manager.

Yours sincerely,



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