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LEAD PAINT (PROTECTION AGAINST
POISONING) ACT, 1926.

THE LEAD PAINT REGULATIONS, 1927, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE LEAD PAINT (PROTECTION AGAINST POISONING) ACT, 1926 (16 & 17 GEO. 5. C. 37).

In pursuance of Section 1 of the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Act, 1926, I hereby make the following Regulations for preventing danger from lead paint* to persons employed in or in connection with the painting of buildings.†

These Regulations may be cited as the Lead Paint Regulations, 1927, and shall come into force on 1927.

Duties.

It shall be the duty of all persons who employ persons in or in connection with the painting of buildings to observe Part I of these Regulations.

It shall be the duty of all persons employed in or in connection with the painting of buildings to observe Part II of these Regulations.

PART I.

Duties of Employers.

1.—(a) White lead, sulphate of lead or products containing these pigments shall not be used or procured for use for the painting of buildings except in the form of paste or of paint ready for use.

(b) Lead paint shall not be stored, or transported, otherwise than in receptacles legibly marked as containing lead paint. But this provision shall not apply to receptacles (i) for preparing paint for immediate application, (ii) for actual use in painting.

* "Lead paint" means any paint, paste, spray, stopping, filling, or other material used in painting which, when treated in a manner prescribed by rules made by the Secretary of State, yields to an aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid, a quantity of soluble lead compound exceeding, when calculated as lead monoxide, five per cent. of the dry weight of the portion taken for analysis—*see* Section 7 of the Act.

† By Section 7 of the Act, the expression "building" includes "fixtures."

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2. Lead paint shall not be applied in the form of spray in the interior painting of buildings.

3.—(a) No painted surface shall be rubbed down or scraped by a dry process.

(b) All débris produced by rubbing down or scraping of any such surface shall be removed before it becomes dry.

(c) The foregoing requirements shall not apply in any case where the employer after taking all reasonable steps for the purpose has satisfied himself that the surface is not painted with lead paint in whole or in part.

4.—(a) There shall be provided for the use of persons employed in or in connection with the painting of buildings and liable to come into contact with lead paint a sufficient supply of water, soap, nail brushes and towels and at least one bucket or basin for every five persons so employed.

(b) Five minutes shall be allowed to each such person for washing before each meal-time and before leaving work.

5. Suitable arrangements shall be made to prevent clothing put off during working hours being soiled by lead paint. Where practicable the accommodation so provided shall be outside any apartment in which painting is being carried on.

6. Where the Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice to an employer that the incidence of lead poisoning among the persons employed by him in or in connection with the painting of buildings with lead paint is excessive; such employer shall make arrangements for the periodic medical examination of all persons so employed by him and for the suspension from such employment of any of such persons whose health is or appears likely to be injuriously affected thereby, in accordance with such conditions as the Chief Inspector of Factories may prescribe.

7.—(a) The employer shall give to each person employed by him in or in connection with the painting of buildings when he is engaged, and subsequently on the first pay day in each year, a copy of the prescribed leaflet containing special health instructions as to the use of paint.

(b) A printed copy of these regulations shall be posted in the workshop, paint store, and in any apartment in which the paints are mixed, on all jobs on which more than 12 men are employed in painting operations.

Part II.—Duties of Persons Employed.

8. Overalls shall be worn during the whole of the working period by every person employed in or in connection with the painting of buildings and liable to come into contact with lead paint, and shall be washed at least once a week.

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9. Every person employed in or in connection with the painting of buildings shall deposit his clothing put off during working hours so as to prevent it being soiled by lead paint, and for this purpose shall as far as practicable make use of the accommodation provided in pursuance of Regulation 5.

10. Every person employed in or in connection with the painting of buildings and liable to come into contact with lead paint shall carefully clean and wash his hands before each meal-time and before leaving work.

11. Every person employed in or in connection with the painting of buildings and liable to come into contact with lead paint shall present himself at the appointed time for medical examination when so required by Regulation 6.

One of His Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office, Whitehall,
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