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With the worldwide movement aiming at the abolition of lead in paints by 2020, the JAPAN ASSOCIATION of ROAD MARKING MATERIALS responds to the request for abolition of lead in paints from the JAPAN PAINT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION and declares as follows in order to shift to lead- and chrome-free road paints by the target year of 2019.

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(1) Concerning the paint for road marking JIS (Japanese Industrial Standards) K 5665, the yellow paint containing lead shall be abolished, and only lead- and chrome-free products shall be permitted by the target year of 2019.

(2) Each member manufacturer, recognizing the importance of the abolition of the lead containing paints mentioned above in (1) for both public and other usage, shall make a declaration and announcement of abolition once they are prepared.

(3) We will put our best efforts to encourage and promote for the abolition by providing information to those non-member manufacturers in the industry as well in order to help them appreciate it.

As stated above, we shall strive to achieve the abolition of lead in paints in Japan except for specialized usage by the end of 2019, reflecting the international movement for abolition of lead in paints by 2020.

Shifting to Lead- and Chrome-Free road marking

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The international movement for abolition of lead containing paints is attributed to that the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) was settled at the first International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) in February 2006. SAICM sets strategies and action plans in accordance with the preventive approach, in the areas including risk reduction based on the scientific risk assessment, collection and provision of information regarding chemicals, improvement of the chemical management system in each country, and promotion of technical cooperation for developing countries, aiming at the objective adopted at the Johannesburg Summit in 2002 that “Production and usage shall be made in ways that minimize the significant adverse effect on human health and environment by chemicals by 2020.” ICCM is scheduled to be held periodically for follow-up of the plan.

The Japanese Government has taken part in the actions “To minimize the significant adverse effect on human health and environment by harmful chemicals by 2020” that SAICM aims at, and one of Japan’s efforts is “To abolish lead containing paints by 2020,” which is promoted by the JAPAN PAINT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION while discussing with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

The JAPAN ASSOCIATION of ROAD MARKING MATERIALS has started the procedures for a revision of the JIS yellow paints for road in responding to the promotional action of the JAPAN PAINT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION. We are working with a plan to shift to lead- and chrome-free road paints by the target year of 2019 for earlier achievement of “the abolition of lead containing paints by 2020,” one of Japan’s efforts. We would like to ask the administrative agencies and industrial parties concerned to appreciate and cooperate in adopting lead- and chrome-free road paints, as it is going to be a substantial alteration from a view point of the global environment.