Customer Awareness
National 2014 No-Lead Law

Beginning on January 4, 2014 Public Law 111-280, an amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act, will deem it unlawful to use brass products containing more than 0.25% lead.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA sets standards for drinking water quality and will oversee the states, localities, counties, municipalities and water suppliers who implement those standards.

Again, the No-Lead Law goes into effect on January 4th, 2014.

- No sales will occur of the following: Pipe, fittings, faucets etc. that dispense water for human consumption by means of drinking or cooking that do not meet the low lead definitions of 0.25% on wetted surfaces.
- No sales of solder or flux containing more than 0.2% lead will occur.
- No person representing WNS shall introduce into commerce any products stated above (purchase or sell) intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking that is not lead free.
- Familiarize yourself with the no-lead law.
- Educate yourself on how to identify no-lead products.
- Now is the time to clean out your truck, bin stock, shop and warehouse. Use the product ahead of the law becoming final.
- WNS is not responsible for any installations of non-compliant products.

Customer Returns and WNS Compliance

- WNS main in Sparks and all branches will only accept non-compliant product returns prior to Sept. 1st 2013. Restocking charges will apply.
- All WNS branches will no longer stock non- compliant products after Oct. 1st 2013.
- Defective returns will continue to be handled on a case by case basis.

Helpful Websites to Learn more:

- weareleadfree.net
- gettheleadoutplumbing.com
- noleadbrass.com

A copy of the actual law is available from us.

WNS will be stocking complete lines of product that complies with the new law. As time goes on it is a possibility that we will be running low on leaded brass items. For leaded brass jobs thru 2013, it is important that you check with us to insure that you will have enough products to complete the project.
One Hundred Eleventh Congress of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Began and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the fifth day of January, two thousand and ten

An Act

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reduce lead in drinking water.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act”.

SEC. 2. REDUCING LEAD IN DRINKING WATER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300q-6) is amended—
(1) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following:
“(4) EXEMPTIONS.—The prohibitions in paragraphs (1) and (3) shall not apply to—
(A) pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, or fixtures, including backflow preventers, that are used exclusively for nonpotable services such as manufacturing, industrial processing, irrigation, outdoor watering, or any other uses where the water is not anticipated to be used for human consumption; or
(B) toilets, bidets, urinals, fill valves, flushometer valves, tub fillers, shower valves, service saddles, or water distribution main gate valves that are 2 inches in diameter or larger.”; and
(2) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
“(d) DEFINITION OF LEAD FREE.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of this section, the term ‘lead free’ means—
(A) not containing more than 0.2 percent lead when used with respect to solder and flux; and
(B) not more than a weighted average of 0.25 percent lead when used with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures.
(2) CALCULATION.—The weighted average lead content of a pipe, pipe fitting, plumbing fitting, or fixture shall be calculated by using the following formula: For each wetted component, the percentage of lead in the component shall be multiplied by the ratio of the wetted surface area of that component to the total wetted surface area of the entire product to arrive at the weighted percentage of lead of the component. The weighted percentage of lead of each wetted component shall be added together, and the sum of these weighted percentages shall constitute the weighted average lead content of the product. The lead content of the material used to produce
wetted components shall be used to determine compliance with paragraph (1)(B). For lead content of materials that are provided as a range, the maximum content of the range shall be used.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of subsections (a)(4) and (d) of section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as added by this section, apply beginning on the day that is 36 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate pro tempore

APPROVED
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