



Furniture Polishes, Waxes and Oils

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to clarify that furniture polishes, waxes, and oils, such as linseed, tung, and lemon oil, are excluded from the PaintCare program. Manufacturers of these products are not required to register them with PaintCare and are not required to collect and remit the Assessment ("PaintCare Fee") in states with active paint stewardship programs operated by PaintCare.

Background

Furniture polishes, waxes, and oils are used to clean, condition, and protect wood. They are primarily used on wood furniture. They are not considered architectural coatings; they are not covered by rules for Architectural and Industrial Maintenance (AIM) coatings. Instead they are covered by regulations for consumer products (the same regulations that cover cleaning products, toys, adhesives, etc.).

Furniture polishes, waxes, and oils, are either absorbed into unfinished wood or sit on the top layer of furniture that has been finished with a clear coating (e.g., lacquer). Furniture is not included in the AIM rules. The definition of architectural coating excludes coatings recommended solely for application to non-stationary structures; therefore, products intended for use only on furniture are excluded from the program.

Conclusion

Polishes, waxes, and oils, such as linseed, tung, and lemon oil that are primarily used on furniture are excluded from the PaintCare program and therefore fees should not be applied.

More Information

For more information about the PaintCare program and the responsibilities of manufacturers, please visit PaintCare.org or contact:

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