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16 CFR Part 1303

Ban of Lead-Containing Paint and Certain Consumer Products Bearing Lead-Containing Paint

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INDUSTRIES	Consumer Products & Toys	ONLINE	qesisbest.com/standard-16-cfr-1303.html

IN FORCE The oldest of these limits, and still among the most frequently breached.

What It Covers

A ban on paint and similar surface coatings with more than 0.009 percent lead by weight of the dried film, and on toys, children's articles, and furniture bearing it.

Who It Applies To

Manufacturers, importers and retailers of consumer paints, toys and children's articles, and furniture with surface coatings.

Key Requirements

- Lead in the dried paint film no more than 90 ppm.
- Third-party testing of surface coatings for children's products.
- Control of paint suppliers and batches, because a change of paint is a material change.

What an Auditor Asks to See

- Paint test reports matched to the batch used in production.

Where Systems Fall Short

- Paint batches changed at the factory without retesting.

How QES helps. Supplier controls that catch a paint change before the product ships. See the gap assessment: qesisbest.com/services.html#gap-assessment · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

Sources, checked October 24, 2026. eCFR — 16 CFR Part 1303 — www.ecfr.gov/current/title-16/part-1303.

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