

Overview of Lead Paint Laws in Africa

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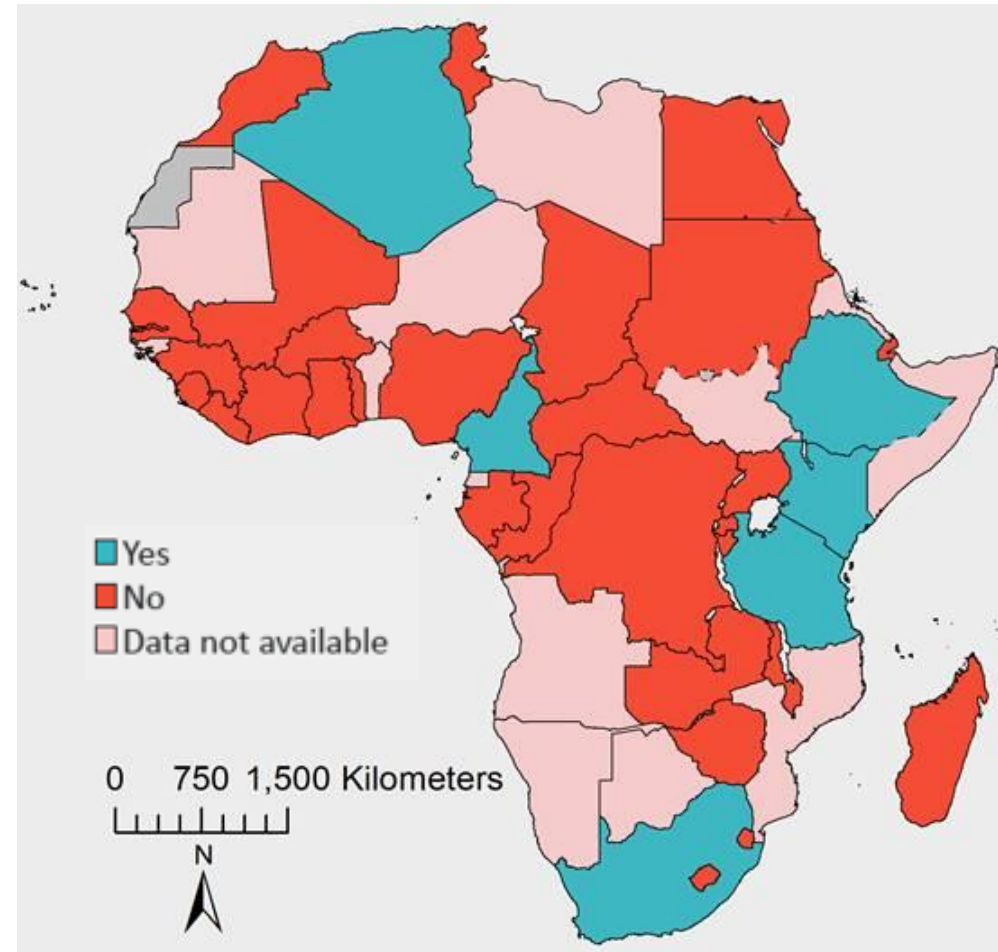
Status of Laws in Africa

Countries with lead paint laws as of May 2019:

- ▶ Algeria – 5,000 ppm
- ▶ Cameroon – 90 ppm
- ▶ Ethiopia – 90 ppm
- ▶ Kenya – 90 ppm
- ▶ South Africa – 600 ppm
- ▶ Tanzania – 90 ppm

Data Source: World Health Organization: Regulations and controls on lead paint, 30 September 2018

Countries in the Africa Region with Lead Paint Laws



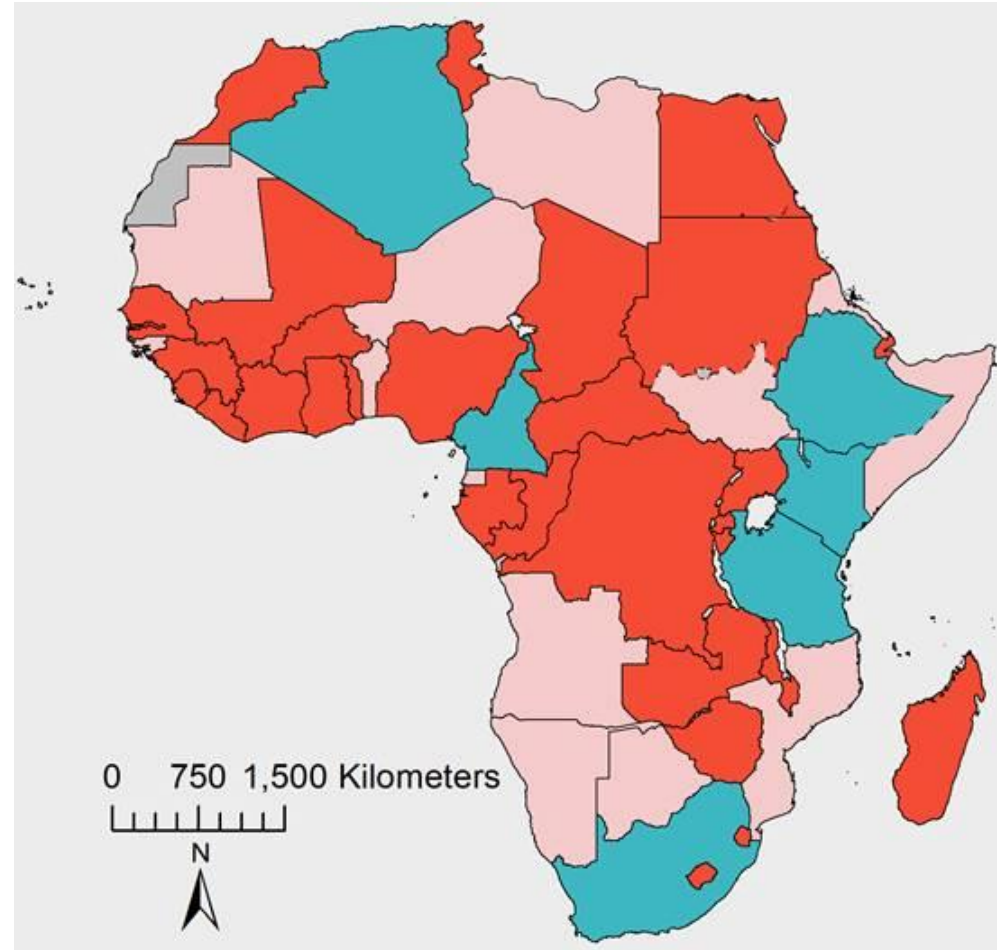
Status of Laws in Africa

Countries/region with draft lead paint laws:

- ▶ Côte d'Ivoire
- ▶ South Africa (*revisions; 90 ppm*)
- ▶ Uganda (*EAC standard; 90 ppm*)
- ▶ Zambia (*90 ppm*)
- ▶ East African Community – 90 ppm

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Countries in the Africa Region with Lead Paint Laws



Activities Supporting Lead Paint Laws in Africa

- ▶ Workshops to promote lead paint laws in **East Africa**:
 - ▶ **December 2015**: East African sub-regional workshop held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; all participants agreed to work toward a 90 ppm total lead limit in paint
 - ▶ **September 2016**: Workshop assisting the East African Community (EAC) in working towards harmonized regional standards for lead in paint (90 ppm total lead) held in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Activities Supporting Lead Paint Laws in Africa *(cont.)*

- ▶ Workshops to promote lead paint laws in **Central and West Africa:**
 - ▶ **December 2016:** Central and West African workshop, including participants from other countries in Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), held in Yaoundé, Cameroon

Activities Supporting Lead Paint Laws in Africa *(cont.)*

- ▶ Nairobi Declaration at the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)
 - ▶ **September 2018:** Commitment made by the Ministers of the Environment to develop and ensure implementation of lead paint laws, and establish the lowest and most protective regulatory limit as appropriate (90 ppm total lead content)

"Nairobi Declaration on Turning Environmental Policies into Action through Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges in Africa" was made at the seventh special session of AMCEN.

Activities Supporting Lead Paint Laws in Africa *(cont.)*

- ▶ Third Inter-Ministerial Conference on Health and Environment in Africa
 - ▶ **November 2018:** Outcome of the conference summarizes a strategic action plan for 2019-2029, including a commitment to reduce lead exposure from various sources (including paint) and promote the prevention of childhood lead poisoning by increasing awareness and enacting legislation to ban lead in paint

Lead Paint Alliance Goal: Encourage Lead Paint Laws in all African Countries

- ▶ Momentum is growing in Africa
- ▶ Countries are using the *Model Law and Guidance for Regulating Lead Paint*
- ▶ US EPA and other Project Advisors will work under the coordination of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative to help countries use the Model Law to develop lead paint laws



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