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Re: Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act

Dear Valued Customer:

The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act is a federal law that is scheduled to go into effect January 4, 2014, and will reduce the allowable amounts of lead in plumbing products from the current national standard of an 8.0 percent maximum to a weighted average of less than or equal to 0.25 percent. The provisions of the Act amend the definition of "Lead Free\*" within the Safe Drinking Water Act and apply to the installation or repair of any public drinking water system or any residential or nonresidential plumbing facilities providing water for human consumption. We believe that the impact of this legislation will be significant to our industry.

In preparation for the new 2014 law, NIBCO offers an industry leading selection of Lead Free products in multiple configurations and materials. Our growing lineup of HydraPure™ Silicon Performance Bronze™ valves and fittings are third-party listed and approved as a replacement for bronze and brass products that will not comply with future requirements. As the Act applies only to drinking water systems, NIBCO will continue to produce products for non-drinking water applications for most product categories. Therefore, Lead Free products are clearly and easily identified with blue hang tags and carton labels, white handles, "double oval" casting markings, and a "-LF" figure number suffix (examples noted on page 2). NIBCO offers extensive product knowledge, delivery convenience and industry-leading service that can assist you in this very important transition.

I encourage you to start planning with your local NIBCO sales representative now. With proper inventory management, there will be no need to return products affected by this new law.

Sincerely,



Mark Hamilton  
Vice President, Sales and Marketing  
NIBCO INC.

\* Lead Free refers to the wetted surface of pipe, fittings and fixtures in potable water systems that have a weighted average lead content  $\leq 0.25\%$  per the Safe Drinking Water Act (Sec. 1417) amended 1-4-2011 and other equivalent state regulations.

## Lead Free Product Marking Examples



Carton label



Product hang tags (front & back)



White valve handles



Body markings

## Standard Product Marking Example



Carton label

Products non-compliant for drinking water applications beginning 2014 (includes warning)