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SUBJECT: Meeting to discuss the use of talc in paints

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ATTENDEES: Lori Saltzman, Kristina Hatlelid, Kailash Gupta, Mary Toro, Jacque Ferrante, and Dennis Wilson for CPSC; Steve Sides and Heidi McAuliffe for National Paint and Coatings Association; Harry Finkbone for ICI Paints; John Kelse for R.T. Vanderbilt Co.; Mary Martha McNamara, attorney

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The participants discussed that talc is used in paints to provide such qualities as inertness, durability, hiding, or flattening to the paints. Talc is used in a variety of paints including household paints, but is used more in industrial applications. It is used more in flat paints than in glossy paints. Paint companies purchase talc from a variety of talc suppliers based on the characteristics of their talc products. For example, if a paint film needs a high degree of smoothness, then a paint manufacturer might use a specific talc product that has been processed by a talc supplier. Talc products are purchased from suppliers without additional processing. While the industry conducts exposure analyses of paints, it has not specifically considered talc exposures from spraying or sanding paint. Other topics discussed included labeling of paint products and international harmonization of labeling guidelines.

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