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Standard Practice for Labeling Aerosol Packages¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice is intended to provide appropriate labeling for aerosol (pressurized) cans.²

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 3788 Practice to Indicate Direction of Spray from a Can of Consumer Spray Paint³

D 3789 Practice for Labeling Cans of Consumer Spray Paint³

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D-10 on Packaging and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D10.32 on Consumer Packages. Originally developed by the Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association.

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² Additional information on labeling is available as follows from the Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association, 1913 Eye St. NW, Washington, DC, 20006: Laws, Regulations, and Agencies of Interest to the Aerosol Industry Compilation of Labeling Laws and Regulations for Hazardous Substances Compilation of Economic Poisons (Pesticides) Laws Compilation of Weights and Measures Laws and Regulations.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.09.

WARNING!

Contents under pressure.
Exposure to heat may cause bursting.
Do not puncture or incinerate.
Avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight.
Do not store at temperatures above 120°F.
Keep out of reach of children.

FIG. 1 Suggested Warning Label for Metal Aerosol Cans

3. Requirements

3.1 Aerosol cans are subject to several Federal and State laws (1, 2, 3, 4, and 5),⁴ and may be subject to the regulations of the New York City Fire Department.

3.2 Other laws may be applicable, depending upon the nature of the product and its ingredients.

4. Labeling

4.1 Figure 1 shows a suggested warning label that should appear on all metal aerosol cans. Additional requisite cautions for statements regarding hazards to person and property, the safe discharge of contents, etc., will depend upon the particular product being packaged.

4.2 Appropriate modifications of Fig. 1 are recommended for aerosol containers made of other materials.

4.3 Paint products refer to Practices D 3788 and D 3789.

5. Keywords

5.1 aerosols; labeling

⁴ The boldface numbers in parentheses refer to the list of references at the end of this recommended practice.

REFERENCES

- (1) Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, Food and Drug Administration and Federal Trade Commission.
- (2) Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, Food Drug Administration.
- (3) Federal Hazardous Substances Act, Food and Drug Administration.
- (4) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Pesticides Regulation Division.
- (5) State Weights and Measures Laws, National Conference on Weights and Measures and State Agencies.