

LABELING OF HAZARDOUS ART MATERIALS ACT (LHAMA)

Intertek provides LHAMA evaluations in compliance with ASTM D-4236 for a wide range of art materials marketed in the United States.



Background

The Labeling of Hazardous Art Materials Act (LHAMA) requires a Board Certified Toxicologist to evaluate art materials for their potential to cause chronic hazards to the consumer and recommend suitable warning statements to conform to the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) designated D-4236. The reviewed materials can be labeled with "Conforms to ASTM D-4236".

If desired, Intertek can also suggest labeling phrases, warnings and warning symbols that may be necessary on the package of the product other than LHAMA requirements (e.g. California Proposition 65).

Our LHAMA Services

Evaluation of the chronic toxicity of the individual chemical ingredients of the formulation used to manufacture the product:

- Each ingredient in the formulation is assessed for its chronic hazard potential including carcinogenicity, neurotoxicity, reproductive and developmental toxicity, sensitization, and general organ and tissue toxicities in relation to the potential for consumer exposure to the chemical
- Potential for synergistic or unpredictable adverse effects from the combination of ingredients in the formulation

Exposure Considerations:

- Characteristics of the product such as physical form and size/volume
- Accessibility (e.g. liquid components)
- Intended use

- Exposure routes including ingestion, skin and eye contact and inhalation under normal use or reasonably foreseeable misuse
- All art material formulations are reviewed by an expert Board Certified Toxicologist
- CPSC labeling requirements (16 CFR §1500.14; 57 FR 46626)
- ASTM D-4236 (LHAMA certification)

Products Requiring LHAMA Certification:

Art materials including but not limited to:

- Crayons
- Paint
- Inks (marker, pen, highlighter)
- Chalk
- Watercolor disks
- Colored pencils
- Clays
- Ceramics
- Adhesives and glue

About Us

For over 10 years, our team of American Board Certified (D.A.B.T.) Toxicologists have been completing LHAMA evaluations for a wide range of art materials. Our board certified toxicologists are also Eurotox Registered Toxicologists (E.R.T.). Our team of industry leading technical, toxicological and chemical support staff assist with project coordination, report preparation, and researching safety data pertaining to the hazards of art material ingredients. All LHAMA evaluations are conducted onsite at our North American office and we take pride in our customer communication throughout the evaluation

process. We also work closely with clients to ensure the accuracy of the product formulation and can act as a third party to obtain proprietary formulation information to conduct the most accurate LHAMA evaluations.

The Intertek Advantage

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