



September 30, 2013

Dear Valued Customer:

**RE: Federal Public Law 111-380 'Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act'  
No-Lead Legislation effective January 4, 2014**



This letter serves as your **Notice** and **WARNING** and is intended to provide information regarding the impending Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Section 1417 amendment under Federal Public Law 111-380 effective January 2014 for lead-free products used in potable water systems. **IT IS CRITICAL YOU REVIEW THIS LETTER AND COMPLY WITH ALL STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.**

Beginning January 4, 2014, it is unlawful in the United States of America to use any product in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a facility or system that provides water for human consumption if the wetted surface area of the product has a weighted average of lead content greater than 0.25%.

No person shall use, introduce into commerce, engage in the business of selling, in or into the USA any product used to convey water for human consumption that is not lead free. Commencing January 4, 2014, lead-free is defined as any product (pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings and fixtures) with the weighted average lead content of the wetted surface area of not more than 0.25%.

Exemptions to the prohibition, as defined by the USEPA, on the use and introduction into commerce provision of Section 1417 (a) (4) (A) are:

- One exemption is for "pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, or fixtures, including backflow preventers, that are **used exclusively for non-potable services, such as manufacturing, industrial processing, irrigation, outdoor watering, or any other uses where the water is not ANTICIPATED to be used for human consumption;**"

Exemptions under Section 1417 (a) (4) (B) are:

- Another exemption is for "toilets, bidets, urinals, fill valves, flushometer valves, tub fillers, shower valves, **service saddles**, or water distribution main gate valves that are 2 inches in diameter or larger."

Go to the EPA website for additional information at: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm#lfree>

A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. has long been transitioning our production and inventories to No-Lead products in preparation for the imminent 'Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act' 2014 requirements. As previously notified, *A.Y. McDonald will cease all shipments of noncompliant leaded brass products intended to convey water for human consumption on November 30, 2013.*

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to immediately begin purchasing and specifying products that comply with the lead free standards and convert your inventories to assure only conforming products remain in your inventory at the end of 2013.

**You are solely responsible for educating your employees and customers of these requirements regarding Federal Public Law 111-380.**

Please contact your A.Y. McDonald sales representative or our Customer Service Department at 800/292-2737 with any product conformance concerns or specification questions. A.Y. McDonald is the leader in the manufacture of no-lead products.

Sincerely,

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A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co.

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