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The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted a legally binding Convention banning the application of organotin anti-fouling paints on ships' hulls by 2003 and its presence by 2008. This requires not less than 25 States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 25% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, it's not likely that the Convention will enter into force by 2002. So WWF is seeking commitments from industry and government to show active support for the IMO Convention. This will be achieved through eliminating the use of organotin paints, with action taken to bring about such elimination of the use organotins before 2003, the date proposed by the IMO.

The main qualification for membership in the 2003 Group (organotin-free group) will be that the industry player concerned is fully organotin-free by January 1st 2003. Membership will not be granted to the shipping companies unless their entire fleet is organotin free by 2003.

Organotin compounds, such as TBT, are considered to be amongst the most toxic chemicals ever released into the marine environment. Even at very low concentrations, they have been shown to produce serious negative impacts upon marine life. These cause the disruption of the hormone systems in marine invertebrates, such as dogwhelks, causing females to acquire the sexual characteristics of males. Studies show that organotins are present in marine species at all levels of the ecosystem: fish, birds and mammals. Possible human endocrine disrupting properties of organotins have been seen.

Anti-fouling paints on ships' hulls is a major source of organotins. Organotin paint has been partially banned for use on smaller vessels. This has been shown to reduce levels of organotin, but their continued use on larger ships, and the fact that the compounds can persist in sediments for a lengthy time period, means that the marine environment is still saturated with these chemicals at unacceptably high levels.

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To support conservation of marine biodiversity and reduce destructive human impacts it is imperative that the use of these organotin compounds be phased out. This chemical is considered to be the most toxic chemical ever deliberately released into the marine environment.

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## **Home Management - Get Rid Of The Lead**

### **By Elizabeth Newberry**

If you're considering purchasing a new home, you probably want to pinch a few pennies along the way. One major way to cut back on the cost of moving into a new home is by purchasing an older home. Actually, not only does purchasing an older home help save you some money, it also helps preserve the structures of our country's past.

However, while they still seem to be in good condition upon visual inspection, many of today's older homes contain dangerous materials beneath the surface. One of the most common dangerous materials found in older homes is lead paint, and as we all know, or should know, lead paint can lead to lead poisoning - especially in children.

You shouldn't run from a good deal just because it may contain lead paint; however, you should take

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all necessary measures for good home management, and this includes checking for the presence of and removing any lead paint in the home. Not only will this protect your family, but it will also help you cut the costs of homeowner's insurance. Many homeowners are required to purchase homeowner's insurance if they have borrowed money in order to pay for the home.

The beginning steps of home management are a sort of balancing act. You need to make the necessary repairs to the home before you move in, and you need to purchase homeowner's insurance. At the same time, you don't want to get a homeowner's insurance quote with dangerous chemicals in the home, such as lead paint. Have your home tested for the presence of lead paint. Remember, most homes have several layers of paint, so be sure to scrape through them all. If lead is detected in any layer of paint, get rid of it!

Getting rid of lead paint isn't just part of effective home management. It can help lower your homeowner's insurance rates as well as promote your family's health.

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