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## **IN RESPONSE TO REGULATORY INQUIRIES REGARDING TERNE PLATED OIL FILTERS.**

Filtration products manufactured and marketed by HONEYWELL Consumer Products Group *do not contain terne*, a lead-tin alloy; and, therefore, are exempt from potential federal regulation as a hazardous waste.

In May of 1992, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) determined that non-terne plated used oil filters are exempt from regulations as a hazardous waste provided the filter is hot-drained to remove and recover free flowing oil in conjunction with one of the following methods: puncturing the filter anti-drain back valve or the filter dome end; crushing, dismantling, or any other equivalent method that will remove used oil. Non-terne plated used oil filters processed in accordance with USEPA requirements can be either disposed of or recycled as a solid waste.

USEPA recommends a 12-hour drain period for used oil filters, and recommends recycling as a preferred management method. Some state regulations are more stringent than those standards established by the USEPA and may include additional requirements or limitations on how filters are to be managed.

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