

# FDA on Vacuum Bottles-

## *Asks Safer Bottles for Use by Children*

The Food and Drug Administration announced that manufacturers have voluntarily agreed to improve the safety of vacuum bottles with special emphasis on containers intended for use by children.

In meetings with officials of FDA's Bureau of Product Safety, representatives of the vacuum bottle industry have agreed that vacuum bottles under 16 ounces intended for use by children (indicated by labeling, cartoons, pictures, etc.) will be required to pass a drop test to make sure that broken glass

cannot pose a hazard to the young user.

The test will consist of dropping a filled vacuum bottle four times from a height of 3 feet on an impact medium of specified hardness.

FDA and industry also have agreed to add label warnings to vacuum bottles not specifically for child use to warn of the possible hazard from glass liners.

The industry also agreed to print warning statements on replacement fillers for the bottles.

Manufacturer's representatives said the new voluntary program will become effective April 1, 1973.