


Subject: California Proposition 65 Statement



Proposition 65 is a California law that has been in effect since 1986 to promote clean drinking water and to require businesses to provide a clear and reasonable warning before exposing individuals to consumer products containing chemicals known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Proposition 65's formal title is "the safe drinking water and toxic enforcement act of 1986." It is administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

The law requires that no person in the course of doing business knowingly and intentionally expose an individual to a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving a clear and reasonable warning. An official list of these substances is published and updated annually by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

The list can be accessed at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/files/p6509272013.pdf

Elgin is committed to providing quality products to its customers.  **Some products supplied by Elgin contain chemicals, identified by the state of California as a cause of cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.** Proposition 65 does not require warning where the exposure poses no significant risk of cancer or no observable effect as set forth in law and regulations. Exposure levels are generally expressed as a daily exposure level and not as a concentration or weight % present in a product. Exposure levels are influenced by many factors, including the intended use or application for the product. While the state of California has identified so-called "safe harbor" exposure levels for some listed chemicals, there is little regulatory guidance to determine whether or when the use of a product results in exposure below those levels and thus poses no significant risk to the average user. Based on a company's application of the product, testing and a risk assessment may be required to establish acceptable exposure levels.

Your company is solely responsible for determining whether your finished product needs to be labeled in compliance with Proposition 65.

Regards,

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