

PROP 65 CHANGES IN CALIFORNIA



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SUBJECT:

Prop 65 Changes in California

WHAT IS PROP 65...

Proposition 65 is the common name for California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. Under Prop 65 companies doing business in California must provide a "clear and reasonable" warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing California residents to products containing any one of approximately 900 chemicals the state has identified as causing cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Prop 65 sets the safe harbor limits for such chemicals within products and requires all businesses (including Formica Corporation) to notify Californians if those levels are exceeded.

WHAT'S NEW...

In 2016, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in California introduced new consumer warning regulations for products that officially took effect yesterday, Aug. 30, 2018. The new regulations require specific warning language for categories of exposures and identification of the specific chemicals contained in the product triggering the notice requirement.

WHAT ARE WE DOING...

Upon announcement of the new standards, Formica Corporation:

1. Reviewed the new regulation requirements set forth by Prop 65.
2. Reviewed our products' composition analysis, as provided by The Greenguard Environmental Institute and other organizations.
3. Partnered with an outside agency to do a product exposure analysis of our HPL products.

After completing the steps outlined above, we have determined that Formica® HPL products are compliant and no labeling is required under the new standards set forth by Prop 65.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO...

Be aware that customers in California may ask you about our HPL products and compliance with the new Prop 65 standards. If anyone requests further information or asks for technical details, please direct them to Dave Swenson at 1-800-FORMICA.