

RE: Proposition 65 California

This letter is in regards to Asahi/America adding warning labels to meet California Proposition 65 requirements.

The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act has adopted in the State of California as a voter initiative (Proposition 65). It provides for restrictions on exposure to and use of certain chemicals which have been determined by the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Proposition 65 requires that business operating in California as well as businesses marketing products in California put warnings on any product containing listed chemicals unless the seller has tests that prove the product meets Proposition 65 exposure level of standards.

Asahi/America has instituted a company-wide policy to label all products that are shipped to or sold to consumers in California with the required Proposition 65 warning language. There are over nine hundred (950) chemicals on the Proposition 65 list and some of Asahi/America products have one or more of the listed chemicals in it. For example, PVC, C-PVC and EPDM have small amounts of listed chemicals in them.

Asahi/America valves and parts made with the following materials will have warnings per California Proposition 65:			
Materials	Harmful chemical	CAS no.	Warning
PVC and CPVC	vinyl chloride	75-01-4	cancer
EPDM	Cadmium	7440-43-9	cancer and reproductive

It is important to note that this warning does not mean our products inevitably cause cancer or reproductive harm. Proposition 65 may be best defined as a “Right to Know” law and Proposition 65 warnings are not an indication that a product is violating safety standards or regulations. Please note that our PVC and C-PVC products do not contain any phthalates (like DEHP, DIHP and DNHP). Many of our products have been tested and certified to meet NSF-61 for drinking water as stated on our website.

Should you have further questions regarding the warning language, please contact Asahi/America’s engineering department directly.

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