

California Proposition 65 Enforcement Actions

During 2008, several retailers made California Proposition 65 consent agreements resulting in the reformulation of lead requirements or Proposition 65 warnings.

On March 26, 2008, a manufacturer of exercise mats made with lead-containing polyvinyl chloride and/or neoprene consented that the products shall have no lead as an intentionally added constituent and shall have a lead content by weight of less than 200 ppm.

On April 1, 2008, a manufacturer of brass lantern lighting products agreed to include one of the following warnings with all products manufactured for sale: "PROP 65 WARNING: This product contains lead and lead compounds, known to the State of California to cause [cancer, and] birth defects or other reproductive harm. *Wash hands after handling this product.*" or "PROP 65 WARNING: Handling the brass material on this product exposes you to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause [cancer, and] birth defects and other reproductive harm. *Wash hands after use.*"

On April 28, 2008, a manufacturer of luggage, and other products and accessories, such as roller bags, duffle bags, totes, wallets, coin purses, purses, passport and certificate holders, cases, key chains, binders and organizers made with lead-containing PVC Materials ("PVC Accessories") consented that the PVC materials shall have no lead as an intentionally added constituent and shall have a lead content by weight of less than 200 ppm.

On August 4, 2008, a manufacturer of gaming chips consented to cease to manufacture, distribute, ship, or sell any chips that do not meet the reformulation standard of no more than 50 ppm of total lead. Until such time as a casino has only reformulated chips meeting this limit, the following warning shall be used: "WARNING: Gaming chips used at this establishment contain lead, a chemical known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. *Wash hands after handling the chips.*"

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