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Subject: California Proposition 65

In 2016 the state of California chose to include styrene on the Proposition 65 list. The polyester and vinylester resins used by Bedford Reinforced Plastics to manufacture our composite products contain styrene.

If the products you purchase from Bedford Reinforced Plastics will be resold or used as components in products that are manufactured by you for sale in California, state law requires a label similar to the one below to appear on the product package:



WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Styrene, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to **www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.**

We strongly suggest that you contact your legal counsel regarding Proposition 65 and your company's compliance.

Additional information on Proposition 65 can be obtained by visiting the State of California's Proposition 65 website: https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/about-proposition-65

Best Regards,
Bedford Reinforced Plastics



What is Proposition 65 and how does it affect my company?

In 1986, California voters approved an initiative to address their growing concerns about exposure to toxic chemicals. That initiative became the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, better known by its original name of Proposition 65. Proposition 65 requires the State to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list, which must be updated at least once a year, has grown to include approximately 800 chemicals since it was first published in 1987.

Proposition 65 requires businesses to notify Californians about significant amounts of chemicals in the products they purchase, in their homes or workplaces, or that are released into the environment. By providing this information, Proposition 65 enables Californians to make informed decisions about protecting themselves from exposure to these chemicals.

Businesses are required to provide a "clear and reasonable" warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing anyone to a listed chemical. This warning can be given by a variety of means, such as by labeling a consumer product, posting signs at the workplace, distributing notices at a rental housing complex, or publishing notices in a newspaper. Once a chemical is listed, businesses have 12 months to comply with warning requirements.

Styrene was added to the Proposition 65 list in April 2016. The requirement to provide consumers the "clear and reasonable warning" took effect April 22, 2017. Composite products like those manufactured by Bedford Reinforced Plastics are made with polyester or vinylester resins and even after the product has cured it could emit trace amounts of styrene. These amounts of styrene generally are well below any established limit of permissible human exposure. However, under the provisions of Proposition 65, any consumer good made or sold in the State of California containing styrene requires a "warning" to consumers if use of the product could result in exposures above a "No Significant Risk Level" as determined by the State of California.

As a company that may sell and or produce consumer goods sold in California which may contain styrene, you may be required to provide a Proposition 65 warning. Failure to provide a Proposition 65 warning could subject you to enforcement actions for consumer goods sold or used in California.

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