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CA PROPOSITION 65 COMBINED SETTLEMENT FOR HANDBAGS, PURSES, WALLETS, BELTS & FOOTWEAR

Proposition 65 is the "Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986", a ballot initiative passed overwhelmingly by Californian residents in November 1986. Proposition 65 requires the State to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. Proposition 65 requires businesses to provide a "clear and reasonable" warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing anyone to a listed chemical.



Over the years, Prop 65 has concluded consent agreements on lead, phthalates and other chemicals on Prop 65 list that were present in a variety of consumer products. A recent settlement on lead amounts in handbags, purses, wallets, belts and footwear has been agreed upon by more than 40 US retailers and the

Center for Environmental Health in California. This settlement is the first to establish lead levels for multiple accessory items including footwear and belts. The settlement, which applies to those companies named in the settlement, includes implementation dates and selling dates by material type and by product type.

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The requirements are summarized in the table below.

Accessible (physically exposed) components of the following products:

| Component Type | Limit (ppm) | Handbags, Purses, Wallets etc. | Handbags, Purses, Wallets etc | Belts and Footwear | Belts and Footwear |
|---------------------------|-------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| | | Manufacturing Supplying Importing Supply to Third Party | Selling in California | Manufacturing Supplying Importing Supply to Third Party | Selling in California |
| Paint and Surface Coating | 90 | Dec 1, 2010 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2012 |
| Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) | 300 | Dec 1, 2010 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2012 |
| | 200 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2012 | Dec 1, 2012 | Dec 1, 2013 |
| Leather | 600 | Dec 1, 2010 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2012 |
| | 300 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2012 | Dec 1, 2012 | Dec 1, 2013 |
| All other components | 300 | Dec 1, 2010 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2011 | Dec 1, 2012 |

Companies that are both manufacturer/supplier or importer and also seller of products must meet both of the dates in the table above. They may continue to sell products imported before the dates listed above up to the selling dates.

Exemptions

- Cubic zirconia, crystal, glass and rhinestones
- All non-suspect materials as defined by the Consumer Product Safety Commission in 16 CFR 1500.91 (d) and (e):
 - Certain precious gemstones, semiprecious gemstones, CMYK printing inks (used in four color processing with cyan, magenta, yellow and key black), pearls, wood, paper, textiles, surgical steel and precious metals

Existing Inventory

Purses, handbags, clutches, totes, wallets, belts and footwear imported or manufactured before December 1, 2010 that do not meet the lead requirements may be sold after December 1, 2011 providing that they include the warning statement specified in the settlement.

Read the entire settlement, click [here](#).

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