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CALIFORNIA PROP 65 RECENT SETTLEMENTS

Proposition 65 (Prop 65) is the 'Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986', a ballot initiative passed overwhelmingly by California residents in 1986. Since its enactment, there have been numerous lawsuits which resulted in the reduction of carcinogenic and reproductive chemicals through reformulations of consumer products containing such chemicals¹.

Over the years, Prop 65 has concluded consent agreements in a number of consumer products such as bibs, ceramic ware and glassware, cosmetics, furniture, jewellery, luggage and accessories, personal carrying products, hand tools, car-charging products, rest mats, laundry detergents, sunglasses, table linens, watches, apparel, scrub sponges and squeegees².

In the fall of 2013, a number of Prop 65 settlements were reached for a variety of products, including, but not limited to, decorative pine picks, grip clips, phone cases and tablecloth protectors. Highlights of these settlements are summarised in Table 1.



¹ [Current Prop 65 List](#)

² SGS-Safeguard: [086/13](#), [070/13](#), [035/13](#), [182/12](#), [100/12](#), [168/11](#), [208/13](#), [014/14](#) and [043/13](#)

TABLE 1.

ITEM	SUBSTANCE	PRODUCT	REFORMULATION
1	DEHP	Tablecloth protectors	≤ 1000 ppm
2	DEHP	Vinyl / PVC grip clips	≤ 1000 ppm
3	Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basting brushes Pastry brushes Pizza cutters 	≤ 40 ppm
4	Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belts Clutches Footwear Handbags Jewellery Jewellery Boxes Notebook and laptop cases Purses Smart phone cases Tablet cases Totes Wallets 	Paint or other surface coatings ≤ 90 ppm PVC ≤ 200 ppm All other materials or components ≤ 300 ppm Exemption Cubic zirconia (sometimes called cubic zirconium, CZ), crystal, glass or rhinestone
5	Lead	Craft tools with vinyl grips, including punches	≤ 1 µg (NIOSH 9100) and ≤ 90 ppm
6	Lead	Decorative pine picks	≤ 40 ppm
7	Lead	Paper clips	≤ 40 ppm
8	Lead	USB charger cables	≤ 100 ppm

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy, in consumer products for compliance with Prop 65 and worldwide requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.



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