

SAFEGUARDS

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CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65: NEW LEAD LIMITS FOR CERTAIN COSMETIC PRODUCTS

Refer to our previously published [SafeGuardS, issue no. 056/08 dated August 2008](#), an update to this SafeGuards will include requirements for Lead in cosmetic products.

Lead is classified as a chemical known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity under California Proposition 65, and should not be intentionally added into cosmetic products.

The current Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL) for Lead is 0.5 microgram per day. With the support of exposure data in 2008, the Attorney General, State of California, Department of Justice, concluded that the acceptable level of Lead in lipstick would be up to 5 parts per million (ppm).

By considering the exposure assessments and supporting

materials, the Superior Court of the State of California has announced new Lead limits for certain cosmetic products on April 22, 2009 (Case no. H217587 (Consolidate with No. 01-032306)):

- For lipsticks and lip liners – the content of Lead should be less than 5 ppm.
- For eyeshadows and blushes – the content of Lead should be less than 10 ppm .

As the leader in one-stop total quality services, SGS is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and an expert team.



With these strong technological backgrounds, we offer a high-level of expertise in testing, verification, technical consultancy and inspection of products for the cosmetics industry.

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