

California Proposition 65 - Clear and Reasonable Warning Policy & Notice to Distributors and Vendors

Officially known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Proposition 65 requires businesses to warn Californians when exposure to toxic chemicals known to the state may cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 seq. ("Proposition 65") and 27 CCR § 25600.2(b) (effective 30 August 2018).

The agency charged with administering Proposition 65 has promulgated new regulations governing these warnings, which go into effect on August 30, 2018. In addition to providing new "safe harbor" warning language for retail sales of products creating exposures to a listed chemical, the new regulations also explicitly require warnings to appear in catalogs and on e-commerce sites. These warnings must be "clear and reasonable," and must be provided to consumers in California prior to purchase.

G. F. Lasswell Co., Inc. does not manufacture any products. Our suppliers are required to meet all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances including California Proposition 65 warnings. G. F. Lasswell's expectation is that our Suppliers know what is in their product(s); disclose products requiring Proposition 65 warnings and apply any required labeling, and execute accordingly including any KleenWell® branded product(s).

G. F. Lasswell Co., Inc. stocked products are distributed as provided by the supplier. For existing stock that requires Proposition 65 labeling (as identified by the supplier), additional warning labels are requested with affixing instructions from the supplier.

To ensure G. F. Lasswell Co., Inc. systems and online catalogs reference Proposition 65 warnings for stocked items, G. F. Lasswell Co., Inc. submits annual requests to manufacturers and suppliers to provide a list of products requiring Proposition 65 warnings, warning type, and revised product literature (where typically provided).

G. F. Lasswell Co., Inc.'s website (<http://www.lasswell.com>) contains the online master product catalog and should be the final reference for product information versus printed and/or other electronic versions otherwise provided by G. F. Lasswell Co., Inc. This online catalog includes manufacturer provided product and warning information and will be updated upon receipt of manufacturer literature revisions. For more information on Proposition 65 products per manufacturer, see Manufacturer Product Information section below.

Due to the use of Proposition 65 Substances in some of the products we distribute, the following warning label examples will appear on applicable product(s), as directed by the manufacturer.

Warning Label Examples

There are two series of warning labels – long form and short form. The long form requires specifying one or more chemical. The short form simply requires the disclosure of the harm that might occur to a user.

One can use either set, but for our industry's needs, the short form should work best for most.



Long form specifying cancer risk

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including [name of one or more chemicals], which is [are] known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov



Long form specifying the potential of birth defects or other reproductive harm

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including [name of one or more chemicals], which is [are] known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov



Short form specifying cancer risk

WARNING: Cancer - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov



Short form specifying the potential of reproductive harm

WARNING: Reproductive harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

For any questions, please email masters@lasswell.com or call 713-644-4313.

Thank you for your support

G.F. Lasswell Co., Inc.

Where can I find additional information on Proposition 65?

The following are resources prepared by California regulators that you can use to learn more about Proposition 65 and the new warning requirements.

- *Summary of Proposition 65 requirements:* <http://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/general-info/proposition-65-plain-language>
- *Information on clear and reasonable notice requirements adopted in 2016 rulemaking:* <http://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/cnr/notice-adoption-article-6-clear-and-reasonable-warnings>
- *Information about chemicals and substances regulated by Proposition 65:* <http://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/proposition-65-list>
- *Links to the statutory and regulatory text for Proposition 65:* <http://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/law/proposition-65-law-and-regulations>