

### Avery Dennison ADvantag<sup>e</sup>: Complete Compliance

Avery Dennison ADvantag<sup>e</sup>: Complete Compliance is a global service initiative that helps customers navigate the complexities of regulatory, trade and customer compliance issues. Complete Compliance delivers training, tools and

advice that guides customers through regulatory data and certifications to ensure products meet the compliance demands of specific applications.

## California Proposition 65

California Proposition 65, which resulted in the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, was enacted in California as a ballot initiative in 1986. Under the law, the U.S. state of California maintains a list of chemicals that meet the state's definition of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. California Proposition 65 bans releases of these chemicals to any drinking water source, and requires any company doing business in the state to provide a warning if it exposes any individuals to the chemicals.

In practice, Proposition 65 requirements generally mean that companies provide a warning for products that contain one or more chemicals on the Proposition 65 list. A product need not contain a warning if the company can make a determination of no significant risk and no observable effects, in accordance with the regulations. The California implementing office provides "safe harbor" levels to be used in determining whether a warning is necessary.

The California Proposition 65 list contains hundreds of chemicals, both synthetic and naturally occurring, many of which are commonly found in consumer and industrial products. Thus, numerous products bear Proposition 65 warnings. It is not uncommon in California to see warning signs posted in hotels, apartment complexes, grocery stores, and so forth due to the presence of these chemicals in common items such as building materials, maintenance products, vehicle exhaust, and food. The list of Proposition 65 chemicals is developed by two committees within the California state government, and also incorporates chemicals listed by other agencies including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Food and Drug Administration.

### Avery Dennison Product Compliance

Avery Dennison's product compliance team identifies any Proposition 65 chemicals that are present in our products. Even if an Avery Dennison product does not directly expose a person in California to the listed chemical, customers may incorporate our materials into consumer products sold in many jurisdictions including California. Avery Dennison's product compliance experts work with our customers to provide them any information they may need to comply with California Proposition 65 requirements.

Information on California Proposition 65 is available on the state's web site at:

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65.html>

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