



Customer information concerning

CALIFORNIA PROP 65

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California Proposition 65, known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 requires businesses to provide warnings about significant exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Stainless steel does not present a risk to human health from exposure to chemicals listed under California's Proposition 65. California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has recognized explicitly that the Prop 65 cancer listing for nickel compounds does not include "nickel alloys" such as stainless steel. Importantly, the Prop 65 regulations provide that nickel and nickel compounds present no significant risk of cancer by the route of ingestion. For stainless steel products, inhalation is not a relevant route of exposure under normal foreseeable conditions of use.

Chromium is only listed under Prop 65 in hexavalent form, which is not found in stainless steel in measurable quantities.

Cobalt, which can be present in the steel as an impurity in very small quantities, is listed under Prop 65 as powder, which is not a relevant form for the stainless steel alloy.

While most stainless steels contain metallic nickel (often as alloying element) and metallic cobalt (mainly as impurity) the available data show that there is minimal risk for release of (and exposure to) listed metals from stainless steel under normal conditions of consumer use in amounts that would require a Prop 65 warning.

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