

Press Release

“California Proposition 65” Warns Consumers of Harmful Substances

Threat of Tough Penalties in California

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Tightened rules on the application of warnings to consumer products came into force in California on August 30, 2018. Chemical experts at DEKRA advise that German manufacturers of consumer products who also produce for the Californian market should immediately respond to the new requirements and take measures.

Previously, applying a general warning to the product was enough to meet the requirements of California Proposition 65. However, changes come into force on August 30, 2018. For instance, at least one substance to which consumers are exposed must be specifically mentioned. Due to infringements of the regulation, hundreds of lawsuits are filed by specialist law firms each year in California, often resulting in huge fines for the manufacturers.

For the companies, this means that they must deal with the requirements and the regulated materials in much more detail in order to minimize liability risks. To keep the expenses involved down to a manageable level, DEKRA recommends a smart combination of supplier declarations, material-specific risk assessments, and laboratory analyses.

About DEKRA

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