California Proposition 65 (Prop 65) and Team Wendy Products

In 1986, California voters approved the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act known as Proposition 65 (Prop 65). The purpose of Prop 65 is to ensure that people are informed about exposure to chemicals known by the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and/or other reproductive harm. In 2017, California updated the warning rules. Products containing Prop 65 substances must carry a new warning statement unless they can be shown to not have an exposure risk.

Prop 65 mandates that California maintain and publish a list of chemicals that are known to cause cancer, birth defects and/or other reproductive harm. The list is updated annually and includes a wide variety of chemicals that can be found in dyes, solvents, drugs, food-additives, by-products of certain processes, pesticides and tobacco products.

To comply, businesses are prohibited from knowingly discharging listed chemicals into sources of drinking water; and are required to provide a “clear and reasonable” warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing anyone to a listed chemical.

A Prop 65 warning requires a business to either evaluate the exposure and conclude if it exceeds the “no significant risk level” and is required to label; or provide a warning simply based on its knowledge about the presence of a listed chemical without attempting to evaluate the exposure.

Please note that the warning does not mean our products will cause cancer or reproductive harm. Prop 65 may be best defined as a “Right to Know” law, and Prop 65 warnings are not an indication that a product is violating safety standards or regulations. Visit www.p65warnings.ca.gov for more information.

At Team Wendy, we use the short form warning on product packaging and on our website. We request notification of Prop 65 chemicals on all purchase orders from suppliers.