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RE: California Proposition 65

To Whom It May Concern:

In 1986 California passed a proposition requiring manufacturers to warn consumers if any chemicals of concern included on the State's "Proposition 65 Chemical List" are present in their products. The chemicals on the Proposition 65 Chemical List are known to the State to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Many, but not all, of these chemicals have minimum levels that must be present before warnings are required. Some chemicals require warnings at any level. The regulation entitles a manufacturer to demonstrate through testing that no chemicals from the list are present or, if they are present, that they cannot be ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. The steel that we use in our metal products contains two listed chemicals, nickel and chromium, that are incorporated into the molecular structure of the alloy.

We are not individually labelling these products because they do not provide any of the avenues for exposure (ingestion, inhalation, or absorption) under normal, intended usage.

However, we are providing the Proposition 65 warning below to consumers of our metal products out of an abundance of caution. Proposition 65 requires that warnings be clear and reasonable. To ensure that our metal products are managed to convey accurate warnings, we are communicating the following statement to represent our interpretation of products as sold. We urge our distributors and end users to read the related regulatory references:

WARNING: The steel alloy used in this product contains chromium and nickel. This product can expose you to chemicals which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to <u>www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</u>.

Regardless of the foregoing warning, simple handling of a steel product is not generally a concern because no dust or fumes are created in the process. We are communicating this warning of our metal products with reference to the above warning in the event people do use a product in a way that creates exposure through inhalation, ingestion or absorption.

Regards,

John W Stoneback, President