

# SCOOP

THE LATEST TRENDS, SERVICES & PROMOTIONS

ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS, SGS HONG KONG

JAN 2022

## OEHHA PROPOSE TO MODIFY PROP 65 SHORT-FORM WARNINGS

**Proposition 65**, short for the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, aims at reducing California's residence's exposure to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm in products and in the environment.

In August 2016, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) approved new requirements for a short-form warning. Manufacturers and distributors must put a warning label on the product if it contains the hazardous substances listed in Proposition 65.

On Dec. 13, 2021, to limit the use of the short-form warnings to small products and to provide more specific information, OEHHA published the notice of modification to text of the proposed regulation which was previously amended on Jan. 8, 2021. This notice initiates a public comment period beginning Dec. 17, 2021, that will close on Jan. 14, 2022.











**SGS'** global network can help you to determine whether Prop 65 listed chemicals are present in your products and advise you on strategies for Prop 65 compliance.

Summary of these modifications are shown as below.

1ST PROPOSAL PUBLISHED ON JAN. 8, 2021	2ND PROPOSAL PUBLISHED ON DEC. 13, 2021
Can be used when the size of maximum label is 5 square inches or less	Can be used when the size of maximum label is 12 square inches or less
"WARNING" in all capital letters and bold print	Additional signal word options: "CA WARNING" or "CALIFORNIA WARNING"
A type size no smaller than the largest type size used for other consumer information on the product and no smaller than 6-point type	Unchanged
Can no longer be provided on internet or catalogues purchases	Allow use on the internet or in catalogues when used on the product label
At least one chemical name included, and modified warning content	Additional warning language options and modified warning content, as shown in the examples below
Can be used for food products	

For consumer products, examples of revised short-form warning label are shown below.

Cancer Risk	 <b>WARNING:</b> Cancer risk from exposure to [name of chemical] - <a href="http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a> . or  <b>WARNING:</b> Exposes you to [name of chemical], a carcinogen - <a href="http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a> .
Risk of Reproductive Harm	 <b>WARNING:</b> Risk of reproductive harm from exposure to [name of chemical] - <a href="http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a> . or  <b>WARNING:</b> Exposes you to [name of chemical], a reproductive toxicant - <a href="http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a> .
Risk of Cancer and Reproductive Harm	 <b>WARNING:</b> Cancer risk from [name of chemical] and of reproductive harm from exposure to [name of chemical] - <a href="http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a> . or  <b>WARNING:</b> Exposes you to [name of chemical], a carcinogen, and [name of chemical], a reproductive toxicant - <a href="http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a> .
Substance has Risk of Cancer and Reproductive Harm	 <b>WARNING:</b> Cancer risk and reproductive harm from [name of chemical] exposure - <a href="http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a> . or  <b>WARNING:</b> Exposes you to [name of chemical], a carcinogen and reproductive toxicant - <a href="http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a>

### FOR ENQUIRIES

HONG KONG

Electrical & Electronics Technology  
Customer Service Team

t +852 2765 3617

f +852 2766 3778

e [HK.EC.CSteam@sgs.com](mailto:HK.EC.CSteam@sgs.com)

@2022 SGS. All rights reserved. Information contained herein is provided "as is" and does not warrant that it will be error-free or meet any particular criteria of performance or quality. Do not quote or refer any information herein without SGS' prior written consent. Any unauthorized alteration, forgery or falsification of the content or appearance of this document is unlawful and offenders may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

