

California Proposition 65 Requirements – Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution

On August 30, 2018, amended regulations will take effect for what constitutes a clear and reasonable warning under California’s Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, better known as Proposition 65. Proposition 65 requires businesses provide a “clear and reasonable warning” before “knowingly and intentionally” exposing any person to “a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.” The warning requirement applies to any person employing ten or more employees who manufactures, distributes, or otherwise transfers a product containing a Proposition 65 listed chemical into the stream of commerce in California.

As a distributor, Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution, L.L.C. (“Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution”) is required to provide all customers in California warnings for products sold. If you are a retailer or distributor doing business in California, you are also required to comply with the Proposition 65 warning requirements.

Retailer Requirements


If you are a retailer, you are required to post a warning sign. The warning sign should be displayed at the point of sale or posted at the display of the product so it will be seen by the purchaser.

A copy of ready-to- post warning signs for our products are available at this link:
<https://www.bc.com/california-proposition-65/>.

If you have customers that order products via the internet or by phone, you are required to provide the Proposition 65 warning in an appropriate manner, such as using the word “WARNING” on the product display page, or by otherwise prominently displaying the appropriate warning to the purchaser prior to completing the purchase. As a distributor and your supplier, we are alerting you to these requirements to ensure your ongoing compliance and provide the following warnings:

a. Wood Dust:

As a supplier of raw wood products, Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution, L.L.C. (“Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution”) is required to provide written notice to you that the raw wood products supplied by Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution could expose individuals to wood dust when such products are drilled, sawed, sanded, machined, or otherwise handled in a manner that will produce wood dust. Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution provides the following warning:

-  **Warning:** Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. For more information go to www.P65warnings.ca.gov/wood.

b. Rosboro Glulam:

As a supplier of Rosboro Glulam, Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution is required to provide written notice to you that the raw wood products supplied by Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution could expose individuals to wood dust when such products are drilled, sawed, sanded, machined, or otherwise handled in a manner that will produce wood dust, and methanol. Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution provides the following warnings:

⚠ Warning: This product can expose you to chemicals including methanol, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

⚠ Warning: Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. For more information go to www.P65warnings.ca.gov/wood.

c. Fiber cement siding and trim, cultured stone panels, and gypsum wall boards:

As a supplier of fiber cement siding and trim, cultured stone panels, and gypsum wall boards, Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution is required to provide written notice to you that fiber cement siding and trim, cultured stone panels, and gypsum wall boards supplied by Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution could expose individuals to crystalline silica. Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution provides the following warning:

⚠ Warning: This product can expose you to chemicals including crystalline silica, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

d. Rebar concrete reinforcing steel rod, steel stakes, bulk nails, screws, and fasteners:

As a supplier of rebar concrete reinforcing steel rod, steel stakes, bulk nails, screws, and fasteners, Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution is required to provide written notice to you that the rebar concrete reinforcing steel rod, steel stakes, bulk nails, screws, and fasteners supplied by Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution could expose individuals to antimony, nickel, cadmium, and lead. Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution provides the following warning:

⚠ Warning: This product can expose you to chemicals including antimony and nickel, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, and cadmium and lead, which are known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Distributor Requirements

If you are a distributor, you must provide a clear and reasonable warning to your retail customers along with a letter explaining the obligations of Proposition 65 and must make reasonable efforts to ensure that retailers are properly posting the warning sign. The warning sign and sample letter for products supplied by Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution are available at this link: <https://www.bc.com/california-proposition-65/>. If you have customers that order products via the internet or by phone, you are required to provide the Proposition 65 warning in an appropriate matter. You must provide them with a sample warning sign and a letter explaining their Proposition 65 obligations.

A description of the warnings are provided above, and a copy of the ready-to-post warning sign has been previously provided. If you are a distributor, you must also notify the retailers of the Proposition 65 warning requirements and confirm that they will provide the warning as required by law. As a distributor, you must also take reasonable steps to ensure retail customers are properly providing the warning to the ultimate purchaser of the product. Distributors should request confirmation from their retail customers that they are complying with the Proposition 65 requirements.