

To our valued customers

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Statement for California Proposition 65 – Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act Directives / regulations

Dear Sir or Madam,

We have received your enquiry regarding California Proposition 65.

In general, we are obliged to notify if we use materials / substances containing e.g. lead (REACH SVHC - Substances of Very High Concern - CAS: 7439-92-1) in aluminum and copper alloys.

Within the RoHS regulation we are compliant by adhering to the limit values in the exemption catalogue III 6a to 6c.

Legal requirements

California Proposition 65 (the official name is "Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986", Section 25249.8) - Prop 65 or CP65 for short - is a law enacted in 1986 in the US state of California to promote the cleanliness of drinking water.

Mandatory labelling

With the revised version coming into effect on 31 August 2018, CP65 has established labelling requirements for businesses. Consumers are to be informed of potentially hazardous chemicals in products with "clear and adequate" warnings. This is based on a list of over 1020 (as of 19 March 2021) compounds that the State of California believes cause "cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm".

The labelling requirement depends on the potential hazard posed by the listed chemicals in the product and is determined by the use of the product.

The warning shall be provided if the foreseeable and intended use of the product containing these chemicals is likely to result in exposures to the consumer that exceed the levels for "significant risk" or "observable effect". The determination of "significant risk" or "observable effect" can only be made with full knowledge of the product use and the respective end uses.

Acknowledgement

Amphenol Precision Optics GmbH hereby confirms that, based on current knowledge of all production areas and the chemicals used, our products do not require a warning label under the CP65. Our products may nevertheless contain listed substances such as lead (CAS No. 7439-92-1).

Furthermore, we declare that the following chemicals listed in Proposition 65 are currently contained in products manufactured by Amphenol Precision Optics GmbH:

- Lead CAS No. 7439-92-1.

Lead is used as a refractory alloying element in various copper and aluminum alloys due to the lack of suitable alternatives and is therefore contained in all articles distributed by us which have been manufactured from the following alloys.

ARCAP: Lead content 0.8 - 1.1% New silver: Lead content 3.0% Brass: Lead content 1.8



However, the sale and use of the above substances or products containing them is not prohibited by California Proposition 65. We would like to point out that you as a purchaser of our products may be subject to further obligations as a result of their use.

Amphenol Precision Optics GmbH does not generally manufacture or distribute consumer products. Consumer products are defined as products for the personal use, consumption or enjoyment of a consumer. Therefore, our products do not fall within the scope of this regulation.

Delegation of the labelling obligation

Amphenol Precision Optics (APO) does not control or have knowledge of the end use or specific use of its products by customers. Therefore, APO cannot comment on actual exposure to CP65 chemicals. APO recommends that its customers review the requirements of Regulation CP65 and comply with them using appropriate methods in the design and engineering of their own products. The decision to place a CP65 warning label or not is ultimately up to the customer using APO's products.

Link to the OEHHA chemical list: <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65>

Example of a warning label for the use of lead if our products are distributed as consumable or consumer products by our customers in the California.

**WARNUNG:**

Dieses Produkt enthält eine Chemikalie, die dem US-Bundesstaat Kalifornien als krebserregend bekannt ist

**WARNING:**

This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also be happy to discuss with you a conversion to lead-free aluminum and copper alloys.

With best regards,
Amphenol Precision Optics GmbH

(i.A. Mirko Läufer, Head of Quality Management)