



California Proposition 65 newly added BPA settlement agreements

Bisphenol A (BPA) has been on the Prop 65 list of chemicals since May 2015, as a chemical known to cause female reproductive toxicity[Table 1]. Since May 2016, there are some new settlement agreements involving BPA in thermal paper, cell phone cases and PC kitchen utensils occurred, the highlights of these settlement agreements summarized in Table 2.

Table 1.

Chemical	CAS No.	Toxicological Endpoints	Listing Mechanism
BPA(bisphenol A)	80-05-7	Female reproductive toxicity	SQE

Table 2.

Related products	BPA Requirements
Thermal paper	<10.0 ppm , otherwise warning
Cell phone cases	≤3.0 ppm , otherwise warning
PC kitchen utensils	Can not contain BPA(or can not be detected) otherwise warning

According to California Proposition 65, companies doing business in California have to provide a clear and reasonable warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing anyone to a listed chemical. Once a chemical is listed into the Proposition 65 list, businesses have 12 months to deal with above requirement. It is important to note that the new and revised language for a clear and reasonable warning will become effective on August 30, 2018.

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BPA had been frequently mentioned in California proposition 65 cases recently, moreover, after BPA was added to the Proposition 65 list, just in three years was continually involved to settlement agreements which is seldom happened among the listed 970 kinds of chemicals. Therefore, it is not excluded that BPA would be extended to other products such as PCs later. HCT testing reminds companies to be highly alert to this chemical and recommend to internally check. New settlement agreements provide reference standards on products of thermal paper, cell phone cases and PC kitchen utensil for companies doing business in California.

The warning label sample is for reference only.



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