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California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act Proposition 65

In November 1986, California voters approved a ballot initiative to address concerns about exposures to certain chemicals. That initiative became the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, better known and commonly referred to as Proposition or Prop 65.

Proposition 65 requires the Governor of California to publish a list of chemicals and materials that are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Over 900 chemicals and materials, including many metals and plastics, have been listed. Also, it requires manufacturers whose products contain one or more of these materials to provide a “clear and reasonable” warning before exposing anyone to a listed material. This warning can be given by labeling a product for example.

When a manufacturer utilizes the warning label, it means that one or more listed chemicals is present in its product. Many of our products use common materials such as stainless steel that contain one or more chemicals on the California Prop 65 list. While it is exposure to these chemicals that the California law is intended to address, Jacob Bromwell® has chosen to label products that contain these chemicals even if there is little to no risk of any exposure. It is important to understand that even though a product may contain a Proposition 65 listed chemical, it does not mean that the use of the product will cause any adverse health impacts, nor does it mean that the product is unsafe in any way. We are confident that there is no health hazard associated with the use of our products when used as intended.

The following language is an example of the language that we will use and that appears on our products:

WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Our products are sold nationwide throughout North America. In order to ensure compliance with Proposition 65 requirements, it was decided to include these labels on applicable products regardless of where they are purchased or sold. The State of California provides Proposition 65 information. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) administers the Proposition 65 program and maintains a website at www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. The site provides information on the law, commonly asked questions, and a list of all of the chemicals.