

Multi-Marketing Corp. Products and Compliance with California's Proposition 65

To: All U.S. and Canadian Dealers and Distributors who sell, supply or distribute DynaGlide® products in the State of California

California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act also known as Proposition 65 was enacted in 1986. Just to give you a perspective, in 2013 more than 70 of 800 Prop 65 chemicals listed were related to furniture. As of March, 2018, a court ruling now requires [warnings on coffee](#). While Styrene, an ingredient of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS, a plastic widely used in the Music Industry), was listed as known to cause cancer under Proposition 65 in April of 2016, as of May 2017, the CA Code of Regulations has been amended to downgrade the risk, listing Styrene at a "No Significant Risk Level". The list has grown to approximately 850 chemicals since it was first published in 1987 and now includes formaldehyde, potentially impacting any musical instrument made of composite or laminate wood.

One of our active components, n-Hexane, was recently placed on the hazardous substances list effective December 15, 2017. California bases their Prop 65 listings on scientific literature searches some of which are performed by third parties. There have been several studies conducted with n-Hexane on specially bred laboratory animals with mixed results. After review, some studies indicate potential toxic effects possible in humans and others showing no negative impact or inconclusive results. These types of disparities are found often in scientific literature depending on who is conducting the study, its parameters as well as subjective and qualitative interpretation of results.

While many of these study results are often debatable or conflict, we believe short-term and long-term exposure to our products do not pose a significant risk if used properly and correctly applied. This is reinforced in all of our product application literature and indicated in our instructional media.

Technically, this Prop65 warning is a redundant warning albeit required by California state law. Our current Globally Harmonized System (GHS) warning pictograms that have been on our product labels for over a decade comply with international regulations that address these areas of concern.

No information is available on the carcinogenic effects of n-Hexane in humans or animals. The EPA has classified hexane as a Group D, not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity. The Government of Canada has concluded that consumer exposure to n-Hexane (Hexane) **is not** harmful to human health at current levels of exposure. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/chemical-substances/challenge/batch-4/hexane.html>

Because Prop 65 requires warning labels or signage whenever exposure could cause more than "one excess case of cancer or reproductive harm in 100,000 individuals exposed to the chemical over a 70-year lifetime," there is no real way for consumers to understand their actual exposure risk. <https://www.accountablesience.com/prop65report2018/>

Chemical properties: n-Hexane is a clear colorless liquid with a petroleum-like odor and there are several commercial versions available depending on the manufacturer. Flash points can be as low as -14F. It is less dense than water and insoluble in water. N-Hexane vapors are heavier than air and "boil off" (evaporate) rapidly at room temperature leaving little or no trace residue.

Uses: n-Hexane is non-polar, volatile organic solvent mainly used to extract edible oils from seeds and vegetables, as a special-use solvent, cleaning agent and chemical reaction medium. Hexane as an extraction solvent is used in food production present in volatile fractions of various plant species e. g. apples, citrus, orange juice, guava fruit, roasted filberts, porcini (*Boletus edulis*), shiitake (*Lentinus edodes*), heated sweet potato and sage. Also present in scallops Hexane has been shown to exhibit hepatoprotective, antibiotic, anti-nociceptive, anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial functions (PMID: 18164606, 16520301, 19281601, 10904177, and 12622465). Hexane belongs to the family of Acyclic Alkanes.

It has been our long-standing policy to fully disclose any potential hazardous chemical or health threats, however minimal, posed by our products. The full prop 65 warning is clearly stated in all our [Safety Data Sheets \(SDS\)](#) under toxicological information, section 11.6.

Please use following short-form pictogram and warning on all relevant internet and catalog product pages that will clearly communicate any potential health hazard to your customers in order to comply with regulatory requirements imposed by the State of California.



Link warning and pictogram to: <http://multimarketingco.com/advisory-warning/>

Clear and Reasonable Display: Type display should be no smaller than 6 point (6 pt.) and clearly legible. **The amended and revised “Title 27, Article 6” rules apply if you are selling, supplying or distributing products in the State of California.** This safe harbor warning must be displayed and actively linked to a warning page.

We will also supply our brick and mortar dealers in the State of California with tags or shelf signs for their point of sale displays. It will not be necessary for dealers to relabel individual product containers.

We are currently implementing stop-gap measures for existing product inventory and plan to incorporate the above short-form warning into our product label design.

Please note: Penalties for violating Proposition 65 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings can be as high as \$2,500 per violation per day.

Please contact us at compliance@multimarketingco.com with any questions or concerns you may have regarding Prop65 compliance requirements or requests for warning artwork.

Your cooperation and full compliance will insure that your company and the supply chain are protected from potential litigation. Thank you.

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