



Information for Ansell Distributors Regarding DMF & MBT Added to California Proposition 65

To Our Valued Ansell Customers:

Because we are committed to accurately and comprehensively addressing any real or perceived health risks involving materials in our products, I want to share some news about some Ansell gloves and California's Proposition 65. As you may know, CA Proposition 65 requires the state to publish a list of chemicals that can, with significant exposure, cause serious health issues. The list includes more than 800 materials, including many, such as aspirin, acetaminophen and aloe-vera used routinely and without risk.

On October 27, 2017, 2-Mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT) and Dimethylformamide (DMF) were added to a list of chemicals maintained by the state of California in accordance with the state's "Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act," also known as Prop 65. These chemicals are currently used in the manufacturing process of some Ansell products. All products sold into the state of California must be compliant to this new requirement by October 27, 2018.

Ansell will be fully compliant to the revised Prop 65 list at least three months before the deadline by ensuring all products are produced without the use of these chemicals or that they have an appropriate warning label as mandated by the state of California.

At the time of this announcement, 31 Ansell products use DMF in the manufacturing process and 34 products use MBT during manufacture. Ansell is taking steps to ensure that each of these products will be compliant with California Proposition 65 on or before October 27, 2018, when the warning requirements take effect. Each product will fall into one of the below described categories, and a list of the products that fall into each category are available [here](#).

- **Removal of MBT Prior to October 2018:** Ansell is eliminating the use of MBT in the manufacturing process of many products well in advance of the October 27, 2018 deadline, and will therefore not require a Prop 65 warning label. When used in glove manufacturing, MBT is considered by the FDA to be a manufacturing material rather than a component material. Despite this distinction, Ansell is eliminating the use of MBT where possible.
- **Warning Labels:** Some products we manufacture may contain low levels of the named chemicals after the deadline. To ensure compliance with California Proposition 65, products in this category will be shipped to you with the warning label on package in advance of October 27, 2018 as required by law.

Our priority, as always, is the safety of workers and everyone who uses our products. Your organization can continue to use these gloves with confidence they will provide the utmost safety and protection to your workers.

You may have inventory of any of the products listed on the following pages. We encourage you to review the information contained in this letter, and the California Proposition 65 web site at <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65> to ensure that you are distributing only products manufactured without the use of these chemicals or with appropriate labeling in the state of the California when the warning requirement takes effect on October 27, 2018.

Please reach out to our Customer Service Department at customerserviceus@ansell.com or 1.800.800.0444 if you have any questions or need additional information regarding Ansell Products and compliance to CA Prop 65.

We appreciate your business and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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