

SKF USA California Proposition 65 Statement

California Proposition 65, officially known as The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, is a law in the state of California (U.S.) that intends to protect consumers from exposure to substances that cause cancer or reproductive harm. When one or more of the substances on the Proposition 65 list is present in a product and the product is known to present a potential exposure risk to consumers, manufacturers are required to provide warnings prior to consumer exposure to these substances. The latest revision of the law goes into effect in August 2018. On-product warnings are required, and in some cases, internet and catalog warnings are required as well. For more information about California Proposition 65 and the warning requirements, please click [here](#).

SKF is a producer of industrial products, with a few exceptions in the product portfolio. SKF products are intended to be sold to manufacturers of industrial equipment, users of industrial equipment, and to manufacturers of consumer goods (e.g. vehicles). Under normal circumstances of use, consumers are not expected to come into contact with SKF products, as they are normally encased within industrial machinery or installations. The core business of SKF are products that enable efficient rotation or linear movement of equipment to preserve efficiency and performance of systems.

In the vast majority of cases, the likeliness of SKF products containing substances included on the California Proposition 65 list is low. Exceptions may include the presence of lead and phthalates in some products. Lead is inherently present in brass alloys, which can be commonly used in some bearing cages. Phthalates can be found in nitrile rubber components such as in some seals, PVC hoses, and grips for hand held tools and equipment.

Consumers are generally not exposed to California Proposition 65 substances during the use of SKF products. In the exception where SKF products are used by consumers in the state of California that contain one or more Proposition 65 substances including lead and/or phthalates, a Proposition 65 warning must be associated with the product. A plan has been put in place to ensure compliance with the August 2018 Proposition 65 warning requirements.

SKF is committed to compliance with regulatory requirements, responsible sourcing initiatives, and the selection of materials that do not negatively impact human health and/or the environment. As a result, SKF is actively working towards elimination of phthalates from its product portfolio.

If you have questions about applicability of California Proposition 65 to SKF products, please contact Stefano Marzola, Product Environmental Compliance and Performance Manager, at Stefano.Marzola@skf.com.