

Subject: California Proposition 65

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To whom it may concern;

In November 1986, California legislature approved “Proposition 65” requiring warnings about exposures to toxic chemicals. This is known as The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. This is now commonly referred to as “Prop 65”. The law was intended to prevent contamination of water and to inform residents and workers about exposures of listed chemicals.

Proposition 65 requires the Governor of California to publish a list of chemicals that are “known to the State of California” to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. The list is available on the web at California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65.html>

Proposition 65 and other provisions of California law relating to exposures to the certain chemicals are additionally specified in the ‘Consent Judgment’ regarding chemicals contained in jacketed wire and cable. Section 7 of the Consent Judgment in Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation v. Sprint Communications et al., and Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation v. Belkin Components et al., San Francisco Superior Court Cases Nos. 312962 and 320342. The Consent Settlement Agreement covers thermoset/thermoplastic and thermoplastic elastomer coated wires, cables and cords and their plugs and connectors. The product groups are basically divided in to two categories. “Non-Exempt or Covered products” that are “frequently handled” and products that are considered to be “Infrequently Handled” and exempt from labeling. The Agreement is not limited to PVC jackets.

Labeling of “Infrequently Handled” goods is not required by the Settlement Agreement. This is due to the size, weight or function would classify them in the “Infrequently Handled”, and thus exempt from labeling. All Turck products are considered industrial in nature, and therefor classified as ‘Infrequently Handled’ and are not required to be labeled. Turck products do not pose any risk when properly installed and used in their intended manner.

Best Regards,

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