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Dear Valued Larsen Customers,

This letter is to keep you informed on the current status of AB-1953(California No Lead Legislation), and your Larsen inventory that could possibly be affected by the law. Larsen staff members have attended meetings regarding AB-1953, and the main talking points are listed below. Larsen will provide all California customers, a purchase history showing affected products your store has purchased in the last year. Larsen Supply is having a team meeting on October 22nd, outlining all policy changes regarding our transition to no lead product and how it affects your store. All salesmen will be required to meet with their customers and explain our policies and procedures for dealing with affected inventory. Any customer not being serviced by a Larsen salesman, can contact our California area manager (Dan Pacho), or myself for the details of your account. The Larsen Supply team is dedicated to our customers business and we will be working with you to insure your compliancy.

AB 1953 Meeting Notes

1. Effective Date of the new Law

This law prohibits selling (or installing) any pipe, pipe fitting or fixture intended for potable water service that is not lead free (>0.25% Pb) after January 1, 2010.

2. Enforcement of this new Law

Only the Attorney General of the state of California can cite a business under Sec 17200 Unfair Business Practice. This would require a Cease and Desist Order prior to issuance of a fine. No private party or class action can sue under the provisions of AB 1953 unless they can prove damages.

3. Certification of Products

All products intended for use in potable water will need to be certified by an independent third party organization (SB 1335).

These include organizations such as UL, IAPMO, NSF and CSA.

4. Included and Excluded Products and Compliance

This Law applies to all piping, valves and fittings used in the potable water system.

Most notable of the included products are faucets, angle stops, water supply connectors, shut-off valves in potable water systems, T & P valves, pressure regulators, nipples, pipe fittings and many compression fittings.

Excluded are such items as shower valves and shower heads, irrigation valves, hose bibs and flare & hose fittings.

5. Disagreements in Interpretation

All of the above certification organizations with the exception of IAPMO subscribe to the provisions of ANSI/NSF 61 Annex G.

Annex G does not allow for the use of coatings or plating to meet the requirements of >0.25% Pb. IAPMO does allow coatings and plating because AB 1953 does not specifically prohibit their use. There was some disagreement with respect to hose bibs and "intended for potable water" since it is possible to drink water from a garden hose.



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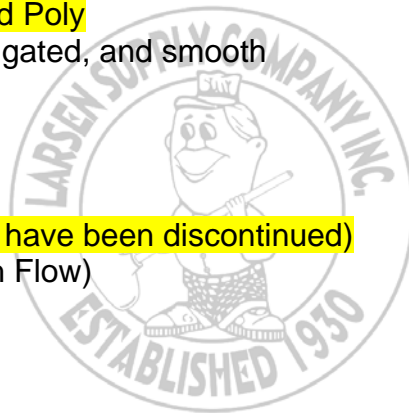
6. Marking of Compliant and Non-Compliant Product

Most manufacturers of No-Lead products will be marking their products and packaging with “NL”, “No-Pb”, “LF” or other symbols to indicate compliance. Most manufacturers part numbers will include identifiers (such as “NL”, “X”, “CA”, “LF” in the part number) to identify No Lead compliant products. Larsen Supply will not change our part numbers or barcodes but will add “NL” to the product description. Larsen Supply has chosen the “circle with diagonal line - PB” symbol for all of its packaged items. This symbol will also be stamped on No-Lead items. Larsen packaged items such as hose bibs, flare fittings, barb fittings and hose fittings manufactured with regular lead will have the words “not for potable water in the state of California” on the packaging.

All highlighted categories are in stock and shipping compliant product for most or all of the SKU’s contained within the category. If you have questions regarding a specific category or SKU, please contact myself or a team member.

Affected Areas

1. Angle stops
2. Sink Supply lines Braided and Poly
3. Sink Supply lines brass corrugated, and smooth
4. 1/2” thru 2” ball valves
5. Underground Supply Stops
6. Meter couplings
7. PRV Valves
8. Faucets (All Leaded Faucets have been discontinued)
9. Drinking water faucets(Touch Flow)
10. Dielectric unions
11. Brass pipe fittings
12. Brass Nipples-all sizes
13. Brass compression Fittings
14. Brass Check Valves
15. Brass Foot Valve
16. Brass Moody Unions
17. Braided Stainless Water Heater Connectors
18. Copper Water Heater connectors
19. Copper Sweat unions
20. Cast Brass Copper Fittings
21. Brass Pex Barbs
22. Shark Bite Fittings
23. Water Filters with Brass Ends
24. Aerators
25. Aerator Adapters





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Unaffected Areas

1. Faucet Stems-Kitchen-bathroom (Not Affected)
2. Faucet Stems- shower(Not affected)
3. All shower heads and arms (Not affected)
4. Toilet Supply lines(Not affected)
5. Faucet Repair Kits(Not Affected)
6. Hose Bibbs (Will be marked not for potable water)
7. Globe Valves, Stop and Drain Valves, Boiler Valves, all other water supply valves (Will be marked not for potable water)
8. Backflow preventers(Not for Potable water)
9. Flare Fittings(Will be marked not for potable water)
10. Brass Barb Fittings (Will be marked not for Potable Water)
11. All other Brass Fittings not Available in No Lead product (Will be marked not for potable water)
12. Pressure Gauges
13. Gate Valves (Will be marked not for potable water)

The Larsen Supply Team will continue to monitor any changes in the interpretation of AB-1953. We are committed to keeping our customers notified and we will be sending updates every 2 weeks until the end of the year. Larsen Supply's goal is, and always has been, to provide your store with the most complete plumbing department the industry has to offer. If you have specific questions, please contact me or one of my team members. Thank you for your continued support of the Larsen program.

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