

# *western botanicals* inc.

## Organic and Wildcrafted Herbal Products

### Information on California Proposition 65

Consistent with our core principles, Western Botanicals, Inc. strives to provide high quality, safe products for all of our customers. We are dedicated to working with our customers and suppliers to meet consumer product safety requirements applicable to our products, including California Proposition 65 standards.

According to California EPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA): The California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) requires the State to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list contains over 900 chemicals, including a wide range of naturally occurring and synthetic chemicals that are known to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm, additives or ingredients in pesticides, common household products, food, drugs, dyes, or solvents, chemicals used in manufacturing and construction, and by-products of chemical processes, such as motor vehicle exhaust.

Businesses that are subject to Proposition 65 must provide a "clear and reasonable" warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing anyone to a listed chemical. This warning can be given by a variety of means, such as by labeling a consumer product.

To further assist businesses, OEHHA develops numerical guidance levels, known as "safe harbor numbers" for determining whether a warning is necessary. However, a business may choose to provide a warning simply based on its knowledge, or assumption, about the presence of a listed chemical without attempting to evaluate the levels of exposure.

Western Botanicals, Inc. is fully committed to providing safe products. Based on our knowledge of our products, lead has been the primary concern with respect to Proposition 65 and our customers or those who do business in California. However, Western Botanicals, Inc. cannot test every piece it ships and has not tested its products for every one of the approximately 900 chemicals on the Proposition 65 list. Therefore, particularly in light of the prevalence of Proposition 65 litigation, **the safest option may be for Western Botanicals, Inc. to include a warning on any product that we ship to the State of California.**

We have determined to use "safe harbor" warning methods and statements established in State of California regulations. The warning will appear on a product cap, label or other labeling affixed to or accompanying the product, the product container, or wrapper. The label would read as follows:

***"WARNING: This product contains a Chemical Known to the State of California to Cause Cancer, Birth Defects or Reproductive Harm."***

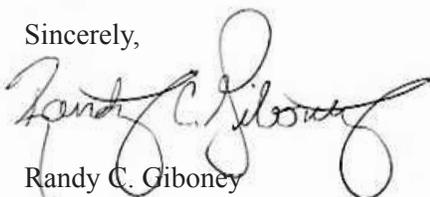
If you have specific questions or would like your product to contain this warning please contact Western Botanicals, Inc. at 1-800-651-4372 for customer service.

It is important for you to make your own evaluations of Proposition 65 and other safety requirements to determine what is the most appropriate course based on your particular situation.

For more information on Proposition 65 you can consult the OEHHA web site at:

<http://oehha.ca.gov/Prop65/background/p65plain.html>

Sincerely,



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