

Proposition 65

Background on Proposition 65

Since 1986, California residents and visitors to California have seen Proposition 65 (“Prop 65”) warnings in nearly all parking garages and commercial and residential buildings warning you that the facilities “contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.” These warnings are displayed at doctor’s offices, dentists, supermarkets, coffee shops, and even on receipts at amusement parks. Prop 65 applies only to businesses with 10 or more employees—smaller businesses are exempt from providing these warnings.

The statute has the laudable goal of protecting consumers from potential carcinogens and toxic chemicals, but it also has the strictest standard that requires warnings for 800+ chemicals including substances that occur naturally at trace levels.

Proposition 65 Standards vs. FDA/WHO Standards

California requires Prop 65 warnings when, among other things, lead exposure for a manmade product is over 0.5 mcg (micrograms). In comparison, the maximum exposure level is 25 mcg for the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”), and the World Health Organization (“WHO”) has determined that the safe daily intake of lead is 240 mcg/day for a 150 pound person (the assumed average weight in the US). Japan and the European Union have similar safety standards for lead as the WHO.

Consider a nutritional supplement with 1.5 mcg of lead: it would not require any warning in the rest of the United States and the world—just California. Furthermore, while this supplement must have a warning because of Prop 65, Prop 65 exempts produce with higher levels of lead.

Fruits and vegetables grown in the state of California are essentially exempt from Prop 65, assuming that humans do not add toxins (such as through pesticides) to the produce. Sometimes these produce have naturally occurring levels of lead higher than Sunrider’s products, however they can be sold without a Prop 65 warning. Some examples of lead levels according to the FDA are:

Per 4 oz serving

Raisins	9 mcg
Fruit juice (100%)	5 mcg
Lettuce (raw leaf)	5 mcg

Proposition 65 and Sunrider® products

As any consumer of Sunrider® products knows, quality control and safety are paramount to our products. This is why we own our own state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities: so we can oversee every step of production from the careful selection of raw herbs to meticulous herb processing to final packaging.

We are proud that Sunrider® products are well within the safety standards set forth by the FDA, the WHO, and Drs. Chen themselves. Because our nutritional supplements are made from herbs and plants, some products do contain very low amounts of naturally occurring lead (lower than the “exempt” foods listed above) that

exceed the standards set forth by Proposition 65. To comply with California law, products shipped to a California address will now carry the following warning on their invoice: *"WARNING: Some of the enclosed products contain chemical levels known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm."*

California's Proposition 65 entitles California consumers to special warnings that products contain chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm if those products expose consumers to such chemicals above certain threshold levels. These chemicals occur naturally and are not added to Sunrider's products. The fact that a product bears a warning does not mean by itself that the product is unsafe. For more information, please visit our website at https://business.sunrider.com/News/News_Legal.asp?Page=14. We care about our customers' safety and hope that this information helps with your buying decision."

We stand by the safety of our products and always strive to improve our manufacturing in any way possible.