



Notice regarding Proposition 65 & Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP)

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In 2017, Universal Woods was notified by its supplier of fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) that this material contains styrene (CAS# 100-42-5), a compound identified by the state of California as containing possible carcinogens and therefore had been added to Proposition 65 list of harmful chemicals.

Products sold into the state of California are required to have a Prop 65 warning label if possible exposure is above the Safe Harbor Level (SHL) or No Significant Risk Level (NSRL) established by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). For styrene, the SHL/NSRL is 27µg/day. See (<https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/chemicals/styrene>)

Universal Woods engaged Intertek Scientific & Regulatory Consultancy to conduct an exposure assessment related to the presence of residual styrene across several of its most popular FRP products. After consultation with an Intertek toxicologist, it was decided to focus the assessment on items that might create a risk due to dermal exposure, such as key tags and name badges, coated for decoration on both a single side and two sides.

Based on the results of extensive testing, it was concluded that the handling of an FRP-based name tag or key chain would **not** result in exposures that would exceed the OEHHA NSRL for styrene and as such, Proposition 65 warnings for styrene would not be required for these products.

Since these items are used in a variety of ways, and it is possible that dermal exposures to styrene could exceed regulatory thresholds, Universal Woods will be marking its products that are larger than 1800 cm²/279 in². These products include quarter sheets, half sheets, and full sheets of coated FRP, both single and double sided. **If you are a distributor who is reselling any of these items into California, you, as an independent distributor, may need to include a warning to accompany the material to comply with Prop 65 requirements.** An example of the new specific labeling that is compliant as of August 30, 2018, is included below.

A copy of the Intertek report and the original notice from the FRP manufacturer is available upon request. Please submit a request by emailing info@unisub.com.

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to Styrene, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov