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NEW SIGN AND LABEL SOLUTIONS TO MEET CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNING REQUIREMENTS

Clarion Safety Systems offers safety sign and safety label solutions to help businesses meet new California Proposition 65 requirements that take effect in August 2018

Milford, PA – June 28, 2018 – [Clarion Safety Systems](http://www.clarionsafety.com), a leading provider of visual safety communication services and products, has expanded its safety sign and safety label product lines to help businesses meet the new compliance requirements of California Proposition 65.

Proposition 65, an initiative officially known as the "Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act" went into effect decades ago, in 1986. The law requires California to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, and for businesses with 10 or more employees to provide warnings when they knowingly and intentionally cause significant exposures to listed chemicals.

The list currently contains more than 850 chemicals, ranging from naturally occurring to synthetic chemicals (including additives or ingredients in pesticides, common household products, food, drugs, dyes, or solvents). Listed chemicals may also be used in manufacturing and construction, or they may be byproducts of chemical processes, like motor vehicle exhaust.

Proposition 65 has been amended to impose stricter requirements that will take effect August 30, 2018 for all products manufactured after that date. Penalties for violating Proposition 65 by failing to provide warnings can be as high as \$2,500 per violation per day.

"It's important to understand that Prop 65's reach is beyond just businesses located within California; if you're shipping products into the state, you also need to review and understand the compliance requirements and potential impact for your labels," says Angela Lambert, head of standards compliance at Clarion.

According to the state of [California's Proposition 65 website](http://www.california.gov/proposition65), one of the most significant changes to the requirement is that warnings now must be more explicit – fully identifying the chemical and providing more specific information about how a person may be exposed or ways to reduce or eliminate exposure.

"From a safety communication standpoint this change is a positive one, in line with the shift we saw in 2012 with OSHA's [hazard communication standard](http://www.osha-slc.gov/hazard-communication-standard) moving beyond just the "right to know" and towards the "right to understand" for chemical safety in the workplace," says Lambert.

New Proposition 65 warnings will now need to include:

Reducing Risk, Protecting People

- Language that the product “can expose you to” a Proposition 65 chemical rather than saying the product “contains” the chemical
- New “tailored” warnings that provide more specific information for certain kinds of exposures, products, and places
- The name of at least one listed chemical that prompted the warning
- The URL for OEHHA’s new Proposition 65 warnings website, which includes additional information on the health effects of listed chemicals and ways to reduce or eliminate exposure to them
- A triangular yellow warning symbol on most warnings
- Website warnings for products purchased online
- Warnings in languages other than English in some cases

To address the new Proposition 65 safety sign and safety label requirements, Clarion has expanded its product lines for both workplace safety and product/equipment safety.

“Clarion offers [Proposition 65 safety labels](#) for products as well as [Proposition 65 safety signs](#) for workplaces in our standard catalog, and we can meet a wide variety of custom requests. We understand that time may be of the essence to meet the new requirements, and are ready to work with customers to meet their needs,” says Lambert.

To learn more about the elements to consider for precise visual safety communication, watch Clarion’s video, “[Effective Safety Symbols, Signs and Labels](#).”

ABOUT CLARION SAFETY SYSTEMS

Clarion Safety Systems, LLC, is the leading designer and manufacturer of visual safety solutions that help customers in more than 180 industries worldwide to make their products and premises safer. Clarion offers a full range of standard and custom products including machinery safety labels, environmental and facility safety signs, pipe and valve identification markings, lockout/tagout products, and safety-grade photoluminescent egress path-marking escape systems. Founded in 1990, the company continues to play a leading role in the development and writing of international and national standards for safety signs, labels, and markings. Clarion is headquartered at 190 Old Milford Road in Milford, PA, 18337, and online at www.clarionsafety.com.

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