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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR CUSTOMERS REGARDING CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65

Strongwell wishes to ensure that you are aware of an update to the state of California's Proposition 65 law. While you may not manufacture products in California, the law applies to all consumer goods sold in California, even if produced elsewhere. This notice will give you a very broad overview of the law and is not meant to cover all aspects of your obligations, nor is it intended to provide advice. If you have not done so, please seek expert legal assistance on the subject.

In summary, Proposition 65 requires businesses to notify their California customers about certain chemicals that are contained in or that may have a certain threshold of emissions from the consumer goods they purchase. In addition, Proposition 65 requires the State of California to publish a list of chemicals "known to the State of California" to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list, which must be updated at least once per year, has grown to include approximately 800 chemicals since it was first published in 1987. Styrene (which is found in some Strongwell FRP products) was added to the Proposition 65 list in April 2016.

Broadly speaking, composite products made with unsaturated polyester or vinyl ester resins, even after the article has been cured, could emit trace amounts of styrene. These amounts of styrene generally are well below any established limit of permissible human exposure. However, under the provisions of Proposition 65, any consumer good made or sold in the State of California containing styrene requires a "warning" to consumers if use of the product could result in exposures above a "No Significant Risk Level" as determined by the State of California.

The requirement to provide consumers the "clear and reasonable warning" will take effect April 22, 2017. As a company that produces and/or sells consumer goods which may contain styrene and that are sold in California, you may be required to provide a Proposition 65 warning prior to the 2017 deadline. Failure to provide a Proposition 65 warning could subject you to enforcement actions for consumer goods sold or used in California.

Detailed information regarding Proposition 65 can be obtained by visiting the State of California's Proposition 65 website, <a href="http://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65">http://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65</a>.

Strongwell cannot give legal advice regarding your company's compliance with Proposition 65 and strongly encourages you to seek expert legal counsel on this subject and its application for your particular business situation.

Sincerely,

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