

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Valued Miele Partner and Customer,

Please be aware, Miele will comply with **Proposition 65 labeling requirements for all vacuums**. **By August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**, a new label and warning statement will be implemented on all Miele vacuums' packaging **shipping to fulfill California orders**, as well as at **e-commerce check-out**, in the consumer purchasing process.

#### **What is "Prop 65"?**

Proposition 65 is a law passed in California in 1986, referred to as the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, or more generally referred to as "Proposition 65."

Proposition 65 is broad law that mandates the Governor of California to maintain and publish a list of chemicals that are known to cause cancer, birth defects and/or other reproductive harm in certain concentrations. The list is updated annually and includes an extensive variety of chemicals found in many household items, such as clothing and food dyes, cleaning solvents, drugs, food-additives, pesticides and tobacco products that have been used in everyday consumer items for years without documented harm.

#### **What is the purpose of Prop 65?**

The purpose is to ensure that people are well informed about possible exposure to these chemicals. California describes "Proposition 65 more as a 'right to know' law than a pure product safety law."

This does not imply that our products will necessarily cause cancer or reproductive harm or are in violation of any product-safety standards or requirements. **We do not consider our products harmful when used as intended. However, it is a necessary precaution to provide the warning because of this California law.**

Miele provides these warnings based on the presence of one or more listed chemicals without trying to evaluate the level of exposure, as not all of the listed chemicals provide exposure limit requirements. Although the exposure may be negligible or well within the "no significant risk" that would not require Proposition 65 labeling, **Miele has chosen to provide the Proposition 65 warnings out of an abundance of caution.**

The California Office of Environmental and Health Hazard Assessment has clarified that a Proposition 65 warning does not mean by itself that the product is unsafe. See <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/background/p65plain.html> for further details.

#### **Which products will the labels and warnings be found on?**

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**What will the label on the vacuum box look like? What will the warning statement read at the point of e-commerce checkout for purchases?**

The label on the vacuum box will be approximately 4" x 3" and will appear as follows:

THE FOLLOWING WARNING IS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY:



**As a Miele dealer/distributor, what actions do I need to take and by when do I need to complete them?**

If you have an e-commerce site that will serve a purchase to a California residence, the Prop 65 law requires the above warning statement, just prior to that purchase, at the point of checkout. This must be completed by **August 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**As a Miele customer/end-user, is there anything that I need to do?**

No action is required. The purpose is to ensure that people are well informed about exposure to these chemicals. California describes "Proposition 65 more as a 'right to know' law than a pure product safety law."

If you have any questions, please visit <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/background/p65plain.html> or contact me for further details.

Sincerely,

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