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## **California Proposition 65**

## **Manufacturer Statement**

California Proposition 65 (Proposition 65), officially known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, was enacted as a ballot initiative in November 1986. Proposition 65 protects the State's drinking water sources from being contaminated with chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, and requires businesses to inform Californians about exposures to such chemicals prior to the exposure.

In August 2016, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) adopted extensive revisions to the Proposition 65 regulations, which set forth the method and content deemed to be clear and reasonable for Proposition 65 warnings. The warnings must be given if, in the course of doing business, a person knowingly and intentionally exposes an individual in California to a chemical known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity (such chemicals are identified on the Proposition 65 List). The new warnings are required for certain consumer products manufactured after August 30, 2018. Almost all electronic components and products contain one or more chemicals included on the Proposition 65 List (such as lead, nickel alloys/plating, antimony oxide, gallium arsenide, carbon black ...).

Traco Electronic (TRACO) manufactures components for building into systems and equipment and does not typically manufacture or market consumer products. However, the parts and components that TRACO manufactures and markets (under its TRACO POWER brand name) may be incorporated directly or indirectly into consumer electronic products (e.g., computers, white goods, ...), industrial, automotive, or medical products. TRACO POWER products (like almost all electronic products) can contain one or more chemicals on the Proposition 65 list. If present, these chemicals are not intended to be exposed to endusers, nor are they intended to be released or discharged during normal product use. However, it is possible that suppliers and vendors would come into contact and be exposed to these listed chemicals if and when they contact our products, and perhaps end-users can be exposed in unintended cases of contact with our products, which are normally inaccessible to the consumer.

Due to these circumstances, TRACO provides warning information for all products containing substances included on the Proposition 65 list, independent of the fact that the residual risk of exposure to the ultimate end-user customers of our components is low given that the products are typically inaccessible to the end-user. If there is evidence of a chemical identified on the Proposition 65 list in one of our products (based on supplier material declarations or chemical testing), we advise our distributors to provide adequate warning information, if selling these products to customers in California.

We ask our distributors to comply with all Proposition 65 warning regulations, including providing a Proposition 65 warning prior to selling such products to consumers in California if required under Proposition 65 regulatory and statutory provisions, based on the particular product and circumstances. We suggest you consult with your legal counsel regarding Proposition 65 compliance to avoid liability for failure to warn.

The following is an example of the new Proposition 65 warning for our products:

**WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to <a href="https://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a>

Or as its short form (in case of limited space)

⚠ WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

## Additional Information for End-Use Application Manufacturers

TRACO POWER products are intended to be used as components built into end-use applications, where direct contact is not possible. Built into end-use applications, our products are not intended to expose any person to any chemical on the Proposition 65 list during normal product use. An assessment of whether or not the end-use application requires a Proposition 65 warning should be conducted by the manufacturer in consultation with their legal counsel.

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