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California AB1953

About the 2010 changes to California's plumbing regulations



Lead Free- AB1953

At ISD Hardware, we're always devoted to the way in innovation, quality manufacturing and customer service. Our commitment to excellence established our reputation as the single source solution for every plumbing application and it's a name our customers have come to trust.

Part of our commitment to excellence is our guarantee that each of our products meets or surpasses the codes and standards mandated by state and federal legislation. ISD Hardware strives to understand new requirements and develop products that meet those standards within the industry.

No matter which ISD Hardware product you choose, you'll enjoy our precise metal blend designed to preserve water purity. ISD Hardware products have always excelled at meeting strict federal low lead standards.





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And as you would expect, we are always ready with innovative products that meet or surpass new legislation, such as the California Assembly Bill 1953 (AB1953).

What is AB1953?

California Assembly Bill 1953 (AB1953) was signed into law in September of 2006. This new legislation requires a reduction in the lead content of products to a weighted average lead content of not more than 0.25% in pipes, fixtures and fittings.

Specifically, the Lead Reduction law in California states:

No person shall introduce into commerce, for use in California, any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting, or fixture intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking water or cooking that is not lead free.

This includes kitchen faucets, bathroom faucets, and any other end-use devices intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking.

PLEASE NOTE:

Use of the term 'lead free' varies between the new legislation in CA and VT, and in the current Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. In the new legislation for CA and VT only, starting in 2010, it will mean 0.25% or less (weighted average).

Only plumbing products and piping used to convey drinking water that meet this criteria can be sold in California after January 1, 2010.

Source for AB1953-compliance

There are a number of websites that can provide more information on the new legislation.

- California State Assembly: www.assembly.ca.gov
- International Assembly of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO): www.iapmo.org
- Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI): www.pmihome.org
- Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC): www.phccweb.org

At ISD Hardware, we are pleased to take a leading role in innovating and developing AB1953-compliant fixtures and fittings. From 2010 come in, continue to look to ISD Hardware for news and products related to AB1953. Contact your sales representative or visit www.isd-hardware.com for more information or for a product catalog. And enjoy the confidence that comes with reliability built in.