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## STATEMENT ON CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 65

Gates Corporation is committed to conducting our business with care for the health, safety, and wellness of our customers and of the communities where we operate. As part of that commitment, we comply with all applicable laws and regulations in the jurisdictions where we market our products, including the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, enacted by the State of California in 1986 and commonly referred to as "Proposition 65". Generally, Proposition 65 requires businesses that sell products to California consumers to warn these consumers of potential exposure to certain harmful chemicals. Information regarding Proposition 65, including a regularly-updated list of the chemicals for which a warning is required, can be found online at <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65>.

### Gates' Brass Products

Gates' brass products may expose consumers to certain chemicals that are subject to the Proposition 65 regulations, including lead. Across the industry, small concentrations of lead are commonly added to brass alloys to enhance machinability, and therefore many brass products will contain small amounts of lead. As a result, Gates has historically included, and will continue to include, a Proposition 65-compliant warning on the packaging of its brass products in one of the following formats:

 **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 [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

 **WARNING:** Cancer and Reproductive Harm - [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

### Gates' Other Products

Gates retained an independent laboratory in California, under the direction of a California attorney, to test a number of other representative Gates products in accordance with Proposition 65 regulations and determine their potential to expose a consumer to Proposition 65-listed chemicals under conditions of normal use. The products tested included rubber and polyurethane belts, hose assemblies, tensioners, and bicycle sprockets, among others. In all cases, chemical analysis showed that no measurable exposure would result from the normal use of these products, even in products that contained Proposition 65-listed chemicals. Therefore, no warning is required on these products under Proposition 65, even with the changes effective August 30, 2018.

For questions about Proposition 65 relative to Gates' products, please email us at [law@gates.com](mailto:law@gates.com).

Distributors and retailers should not remove any warning from any Gates product prior to sale to any consumer.

The information in this statement is not intended to constitute legal advice. Distributors, original equipment manufacturers and retailers should contact an attorney with any questions about their legal obligations.