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CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNING FOR CONSUMERS

At Friant, we want to help our consumers understand the California Proposition 65 Warning. The state of California has taken measures to protect consumers from possible harmful ingredients in the products consumers purchase by enacting the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, known as "Proposition 65."

Originally, the proposition was intended to protect drinking water sources from chemical contamination. Over the years, however, the scope of the law has expanded to protect products in other industries. As the Los Angeles Times wrote recently, "Warnings (about Proposition 65) are everywhere: parking lots, hardware stores, hospitals and just about any decent-sized business." Proposition 65 requires warning labels on products that may contain any of 800-plus chemicals or ingredients that the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) lists as a carcinogen or a reproductive toxicant. These include wood dust, brass and a multitude of other everyday elements. A flame retardant upholstery chemical currently required by the state of California to be added to upholstered furniture foams is now included among chemicals that require a warning under Proposition 65. Many of the elements listed under Proposition 65 are common everyday additives found in products such as jewelry, lamps, ceramic tableware, lead crystal glasses, electric cords, automobiles, beauty products and furniture.

Along these lines, many contract furniture manufacturers, including Friant, must take extra steps to warn and protect our consumers because of the possibility that our products or packing materials may come in contact with the harmful ingredients listed in the Proposition 65. Moving forward, we must include Proposition 65 warnings on our products or risk large fines under this law in California. In addition, we are required to use the exact wording for this warning specified by California: "This product can expose you to chemicals including wood dust, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/products/furniture-products>."

The state will require us to label our products shipping to California however, like many other furniture manufacturers, Friant builds products in large quantities for stock. When we produce these products, it is uncertain if the product will ship to California or somewhere else in the United States. We will do our best to notify our customers of these warnings, whether it ends up in California or not. It is also important for all retailers to leave the warning on the furniture when they are shipping in California. It is our highest priority to protect all individuals who come in contact with our products from harmful substances.

At Friant, we believe in transparency and we believe that every piece of product we ship out to our customers will be safe to use. Nevertheless, the law requires us to warn our customers of possible harmful ingredients due to the nature of our business. It is always our intention to keep you informed with our commitment to making the best quality and compliant furniture.