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Hi Kyle,

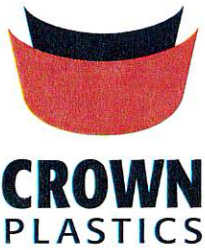
We received this response from our pigment supplier concerning the information on California Proposition 65 listing of Carbon Black:

"Information on California Proposition 65 Listing of Carbon Black

On February 21, 2003, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") published a notice placing "carbon black (airborne, unbound particles of respirable size)" on its list of substances "known to the State to cause cancer" for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, otherwise known as Proposition 65.

Significantly, the Proposition 65 listing only pertains to airborne, unbound carbon black particles of respirable size. The notice expressly states that "exposure to carbon black, per se, does not occur when it remains bound within a product matrix such as rubber, ink or paint" and that "for the purposes of Proposition 65, carbon black particles 10 micrometers (pm) or less shall be considered respirable"

We recommend distributor, warehouses, transporter and user of carbon black, to evaluate whether there is any exposure to "airborne, unbound" carbon black particles "of respirable size." If such exposure exists, you will likely have a warning obligation. You should consult with your attorney or expert to determine the scope of your regulatory response.



If you handle carbon black that is bound in a product matrix (such as rubber, ink, plastic or paint), it is unlikely that this listing will have any effect on you. However, you should evaluate your own uses, and consult with your attorney or expert to determine whether warnings or any other regulatory response is required"

Since our product is a molded product of UHMW and pigment, there is no exposure to airborne, unbound carbon black particles of respirable size. Therefore, this listing of carbon black on the California Proposition 65 does not pertain to our products.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me and I will be glad to help you.

Thanks,

Scott



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