

California AB1953 & Vermont Act 193

- Effective January 1, 2010, the new laws revise the meaning of “lead free” from 8% lead for pipes or pipe fittings, and 4% lead for plumbing fittings and fixtures to ***not more than a weighted average of 0.25% lead content when used with respect to the wetted surfaces*** of pipes and pipe fittings, plumbing fittings and fixtures, which is a different methodology for measuring lead content compared to the existing laws.



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What is the intent of AB1953 & Act 193?

- Requires “lead free” products in plumbing systems providing water for drinking and cooking
- Requires products entered into commerce in California & Vermont to be “lead free”
- Exempts products used for purposes other than conveying water for drinking and cooking (e.g., products used for irrigation or manufacturing)

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How will it affect you?

- You must comply - it's the law in CA & VT
- Prohibits the sale and installation of any pipe, pipe fitting or plumbing fitting that is not “lead free” on January 1, 2010
- Non-compliant inventory is not grandfathered for continued use in the states of California and Vermont
- Products Impacted:
 - pipes
 - fittings
 - fixtures including faucets
- Excludes pipe *not* used in providing water for drinking or cooking

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What happens January 1st, 2010?

Pipes, fittings and fixtures that are:

- Purchased from manufacturers
- Stocked on shelves
- Sold to customers
- Offered as options to homebuyers
- And installed

...must be lead free per AB 1953 & Act 193

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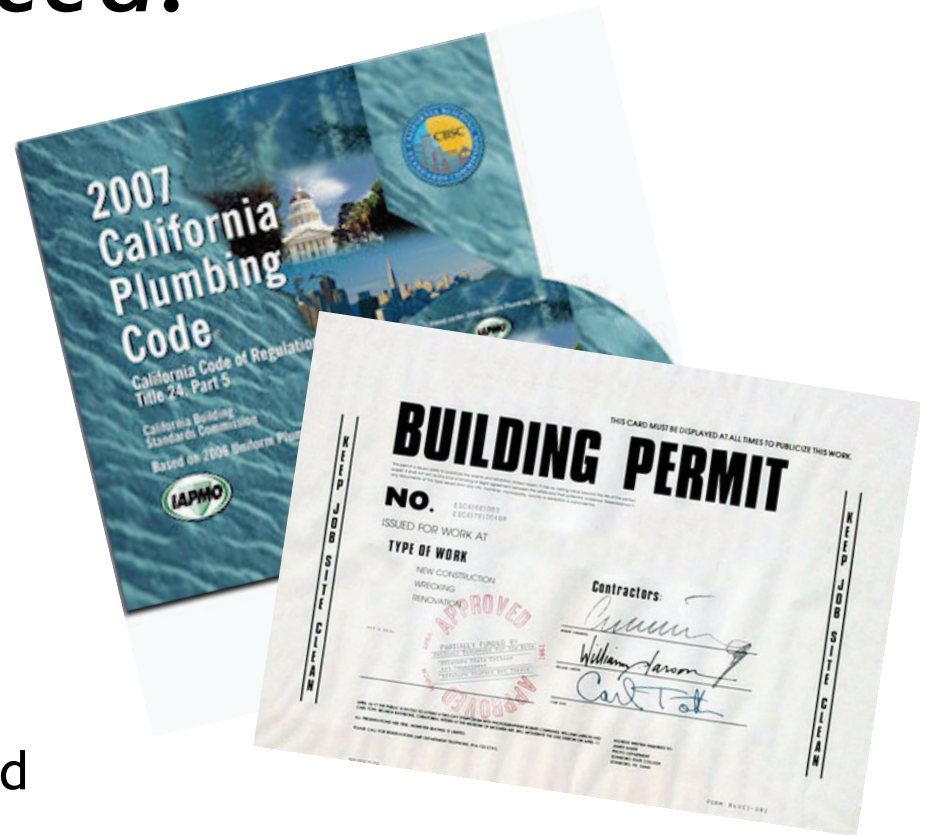


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How will the legislation be enforced?

- Building permits
- Inspections
- The Department of Toxic Substances Control will be sampling some 75 products purchased from wholesale or retail each year and evaluating them against the legal requirements.
- The laws requires that products be certified by an ANSI accredited 3rd Party certifier.



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BrassCraft Compliant Products

- All BrassCraft Compliant products have been certified by CSA
- BrassCraft stops, fittings, Speedi Plumb® connectors and flexible hot water connectors are compliant with California AB1953 and Vermont Act 193.
- We began offering products on July 1, 2009. Our full line of products will be available by September 30, 2009.
- Only BrassCraft compliant stops have an N mill mark (new legislation) on the product.
- BrassCraft is using a *check mark logo on all packaging* for our compliant products. Be sure to ***check the packaging*** for BrassCraft compliant products.



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BrassCraft Compliant Products

We began offering products on July 1, 2009. Our full line of products will be available by September 30, 2009.

Our launch schedule was designed to give you ample time to adjust your inventories for the laws effective date of January 1, 2010.

Our products are CSA certified. Just look for the check mark!



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