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BrassCraft is writing to alert you to new legislation which affects plumbing products. Both the State of California (AB1953) and Vermont (S152) have passed legislation that limits the weighted average lead content of plumbing and public water distribution system components that convey or dispense water for drinking and cooking. In each state, sale of products exceeding the new limit will be prohibited as of January 1, 2010. In the vast majority of cases, manufacturers will need to make material or design changes in order to comply.

We are communicating with you, our valued customer, at this early date, because these laws apply to the products in the distribution chain sold after the January 1 date, not just products manufactured after that date. Therefore, there are significant implications in regard to your inventory, and it is our goal to work together with you to manage older, non-compliant inventories to make a transition as smooth as possible.

BrassCraft is developing our product implementation plan, and want to first inform you of our inventory policies covering this transition. Our intent is to begin offering compliant products by July 1, 2009, allowing you adequate time to balance your inventories. We want to reinforce the need for you to focus on your inventory levels. This will alleviate the issue of unwanted product in key markets while eliminating any subsequent obsolescence.

BrassCraft has been developing products to comply with this new legislation since last year. We will be providing you with a detailed implementation plan in the near future. We appreciate your due diligence in this matter by making any transition seamless to our collective customers.



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