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Re: Proposition 65 Lawsuit explained

To Whom It May Concern:

The recently filed lawsuit by California Attorney General Jerry Brown and Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo regarding alleged violations of California's Proposition 65 **has nothing to do with the safety of your turf and is nothing for you to be concerned about.**

Simply put, Proposition 65 is a consumer labeling issue. The state wants any product that has any traces of chemicals must be labeled as such, even if the traces are 1000x below any state or federal allowable levels. This is the same issue for children's toys, kitchen tile, house and car carpeting, etc. Despite claims and some distorted media reports, **the argument being made by the state does not imply or prove that FieldTurf or any of the other turf company's products are unsafe in the least bit.**

To the contrary, both the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) have concluded within the past 60 days that children are "not at risk from exposure to lead" from playing on artificial surfaces. For a direct link to the CPSC report, visit www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/prhtml08/08348.html

In addition to FieldTurf being named in the suit, several others were named, including Costco (who sell landscape turf) and AstroTurf because we are the three biggest "brand names". The suit also named just about every other turf company (15 others to be exact) that has installed a turf field in California on "notice" that they must also comply with the prop 65 law. A Proposition 65 lawsuit can be brought without proof that anyone is actually being harmed by exposure to a chemical, in fact, **the AG has stated that this is not necessarily a safety issue nor does he recommend removing any fields,** again, they just want compliance and education.

While our turf and that of every other turf supplier has contained very small amounts of lead chromate, the lead is fully encapsulated, meaning that it is not likely to become bioavailable and harmful in the unlikely event it were to be ingested after playing on an artificial turf. For more information on the safety of FieldTurf, visit www.fieldturf.com/leadissues

FieldTurf has always believed our polyethylene fiber fields to be safe, and when tested with the CDC and CPSC endorsed wipe test, our fields have uniformly registered lead levels well below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) strict limits.

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Currently, FieldTurf is considered “lead free”, by U.S. government standards, and contains only a miniscule trace amount of lead. As an example, the allowable limit for children’s toys is 300 parts per million. Our newest generation of fibers test anywhere from “ND” (non detectable) to only 0.1 - 0.3 parts per million, 300x lower than what is allowed in children’s toys and other normal everyday household products and 400x lower than what is allowed in native soil and natural grass fields. Despite these extremely low levels, FieldTurf is leading the way and is the only turf company that has vowed to go to a 100% no lead fiber in the very near future.

Some key facts to consider about lead in artificial turf:

- Lead does not leach from synthetic turf.
- Bioavailability of lead from pigment is extremely low.
- Worker exposed to turf and particles for 30 years tests normal.
- Even assuming 50% bioavailability, the amount of ingested turf required to pose a risk is absurdly unrealistic as a 40 pound child would need to ingest approximately 100 pounds of turf for there to be any risk.

Attached is a lab certified lead test of our Duraspine fiber. The results were “ND”, which means “Non Detectible”. I have also attached some additional backup documentation regarding the safety of our fibers.

No company is more concerned with the health and safety of athletes and children than FieldTurf. Since our first installation, there has not been a single incident of sickness from any of our products.

Detailed toxicology reports and lead test results are available at your request. But in the matter of lead, the jury is out: independent medical experts, state health officials and environmental agencies have each concluded that FieldTurf is and always has been safe for children and athletes of all ages.

We are here to assist you and have the utmost confidence in the safety of our products. Please feel free to contact me any time if you need any additional information about this issue.

Regards,



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