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Re: Proposal to make the Proposition 65 short-form warning more informative to consumers

Dear Monet Vela:

Intex Recreation Corp. (IRC) distributes, throughout the United States, Intex branded consumer products including storable above ground swimming pools, inflatable spas, inflatable mattresses, pool floats, inflation pumps, inflatable boat and kayak sets, and related accessories. These consumer products are sold through numerous retail channels including big box mass, club stores, home improvement, sporting goods, specialty, and on-line internet. These products provide great value to consumers who want to provide their families and friends with a great recreational experience.

IRC agrees with OEHHA that the short form warnings should provide sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices about their exposures to listed chemicals in consumer products. IRC sells and distributes products that include the short-form warning. Since 2018, IRC has included the chemical of concern within its short-form warning. Specifically, "Warning: Reproductive harm – BPA – <u>WWW.P65WARNINGS.CA.GOV</u>". The following are two examples of IRC's presentation on retail packaging.









We would like to offer the following comments on the revised proposed rule.

The short form warning should be adjusted only to include the exposure chemical as IRC has done successfully since 2018. Adding additional wording such as proposed "Risk of reproductive harm from exposure to [name of chemical]. See www.P65Warnings.ca.gov." only makes the short form warning longer without adding any additional information to inform the reader. Further, making the warning text longer will serve to discourage consumers from reading the warning and does nothing to increase comprehension. Lastly, the increased length of the warning may not fit on smaller packages, particularly when presented in multiple languages.



If you have any questions about the foregoing comments, please contact me at (310) 507-2661 or mwhalen@intexcorp.com. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whalen

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