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DESPITE COVID-19, PROPOSITION 65 VIOLATIONS INCREASED IN MARCH

Despite COVID-19, proposition 65 violations increased in March: 348 notifications compared to 249 in February. Proposition 65 also known as the 1986 Safe and Safe Drinking Water Act requires "clear and reasonable warnings" about consumer products (including food) sold in California if the use of the products causes exposure to chemical in the list 65. Among the substances notified in March, there are arsenic, cadmium, lead in seaweed and seafood products, acrylamide in toasted and roasted products, mercury and lead in canned products, carbon monoxide in fire starter products and androstenedione in muscle supplements. In particular, the notifications mostly concern products sold online and this will create an accumulation of questions that the Californian courts will not be able to dispose due to their closure for COVID-19. For the article press the button below

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AMAZON, EBAY ORDERED TO STOP SALE OF OVER 70 ILLEGAL BIOCIDES

The U.S. EPA has ordered online retailers Amazon and eBay to immediately stop selling a range of unregistered, badly branded biocides, which are restricted to use or marketed under false or misleading claims. The two stop-sell orders cover over 30 products sold on Amazon and over 40 products on eBay. Some of these products are not registered, while others are limited to professional use. In addition, several products are marketed with false or misleading claims of effectiveness against the new coronavirus, such as "kills Covid-19" or "complete sterilization including the current pandemic virus". Two examples are methylene chloride, which was banned from selling to consumers for paint removal purpose after acute exposure to the chemical has been linked to several deaths; and a card-shaped disinfectant releaser that would provide coronavirus protection to wearer. In April, the agency informed eight companies - including Amazon and eBay - that retailers are using their platforms to sell illegal disinfectant products that claim to be effective against Covid-19. EPA said that "Amazon and eBay have so far failed to keep unregistered, under-branded or limited-use pesticides and anti-pesticide devices off their websites." For more infos press the button below

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ECHA'S COMMITTEES RECOMMEND RESTRICTING A SUBGROUP OF PFAS

The Socio-Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC) supported the Norwegian proposal to limit the use of perfluorohexane-1-sulfonic acid (PFHxS) to prevent its use as a substitute for another PFOA, which will be banned from July. The SEAC supports the proposal to limit the manufacture or placing on the market of PFHxS, its salts or related substances in mixtures and articles. The proposed restriction aims to avoid the replacement of PFOA, which will be banned from 4 July 2020 under the Persistent Organic Pollutant (POP) regulation as well as PFOS, which has already been eliminated under the same regulation. Once adopted, it would reduce the environmental emissions of products and mixtures imported into the EU / EEA (eg from water-repellent outdoor fabrics), would minimize exposure of future generations to PFHxS and prevent further irreversible contamination of the drinking water. At their June meetings, RAC and SEAC also discussed other proposed restriction, authorization applications, occupational exposure limits (OELs) and harmonized classification and labeling. Full details about the committees' conclusions are available in the annex. More details are in the link below

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