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Subject: Proposition 65 – California Compliance

To: Honda Engine Distributor & CBU Distributor

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Changes to California's Proposition 65 (Prop. 65) regulations that become effective this year may affect all Honda Power Equipment, Honda Marine, and Honda Engines distributed throughout the 50 states.

This is Honda's second Prop. 65 information letter provided to Honda Distributors. The first letter was sent May 25, 2018. This letter provides helpful Prop. 65 information to distributors about how the Prop. 65 changes may affect your business, whether your business is located in California or you sell products into California.

'Prop. 65' is shorthand for California's "Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986." The intent of Prop. 65 is to warn Californians about products or environments that may result in material exposure to chemicals that can cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

With that brief explanation and a little forethought, you can easily see that many of the products you buy for and sell from your business will be affected. That means Prop. 65 directly affects YOU and YOUR BUSINESS if you are in California or you sell product, parts or accessories into California.

To date, Honda has complied with Prop. 65 requirements by use of product labeling and various warnings on product packaging and in the owner's manuals for power equipment, marine, and general purpose engines.

Under the new regulations, all products produced on or after August 30, 2018, and sold in or into California must include Prop. 65 warnings to consumers prior to the retail sale of the product.

The warnings can be provided through product or package labeling, point-of-sale statements, and/or online statements. In addition, the warnings must identify at least one chemical in the product that creates the exposure risk, with some products having two chemicals identified (one for risk of cancer and one for risk of reproductive harm). Honda is currently preparing Prop. 65 warnings in advance of the August 30, 2018, requirement date.


Although Prop. 65 only applies to sales in or into California, because we do not have state-specific product distribution, the revised Prop. 65 warnings will be applied to all Honda Power Equipment, Honda Marine products, and Honda Engines sold throughout the United States.


Changes that you may notice as Honda implements the new Prop. 65 warnings include:

- Different Prop. 65 warning text
- Prop. 65 warning hang tags on products
- Prop. 65 warning labels on products
- Revised Prop. 65 warning text in owner's manuals and other literature
- Prop. 65 warning language on product packaging/boxes
- Prop. 65 warnings incorporated into product websites and other forms of product communication

Sample Prop. 65 warning labels and tags

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including soots, tars, and mineral oils, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, and carbon monoxide, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.


 **ADVERTENCIA:** Este producto puede exponerlo a sustancias químicas como hollín, alquitrán y aceites minerales, conocidos en el estado de California por causar cáncer, así como monóxido de carbono, conocido en el estado de California por causar malformaciones congénitas y otros daños reproductivos. Para obtener más información, visite www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

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Honda Service Parts and Accessories Only

For all other consumer products retailed in or into California—such as replacement parts, accessories, chemicals, special tools, licensed products— a Honda Parts Division supplied Prop. 65 warning label must be applied prior to retail sale.

Sample Prop. 65 consumer product warning label for service parts and accessories

 **WARNING:**
Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Honda Engine Distributors must apply a Prop. 65 label to all Honda consumer products (parts, accessories, chemicals, special tools, licensed products, etc.) that are sold to retailers (including internet retailers) known to sell Honda consumer products in or into California.

If you have consumer product (parts) labeling questions, need more labels, or are a non-California distributor needing labels to apply to consumer products sold to retailers selling into California, contact the American Honda Parts Regulatory office at parts_regulatory@ahm.honda.com or call (310) 783-2885.

The above paragraphs outline Prop. 65 regulations and what Honda is doing. If your business is in California, Prop. 65 requirements also include warnings for occupational and environmental exposure. All Distributors and retailers selling in or into California should consult their legal counsel or trade associations, and determine how the regulations will affect their business. We encourage you to access a wealth of official information available for businesses at the California State Prop. 65 website at www.p65warnings.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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