



California AB1953

The facts about the 2010 changes to California's plumbing regulations.



any way you want it.



The straight story on reducing lead content.

At T&S Brass, we've always led the way in innovation, quality manufacturing and customer service. Our commitment to excellence established our reputation as the single source solution for every plumbing application and it's a name our customers have come to trust. Our dedicated employees support every product carefully to ensure that T&S and equip products are the best on the market.

Part of our commitment to excellence is our guarantee that each of our products meets or surpasses the codes and standards mandated by state and federal legislation. T&S strives to understand new requirements and develop products that meet those standards within the industry.

T&S has often led in these innovations, offering such breakthroughs as electronic faucets (ChekPoint), EasyInstall concealed plumbing products, a line of antimicrobial products, and water-conserving technologies for faucets and spray valves.

No matter which T&S innovation you choose, you'll enjoy our precise metal blend, designed to preserve water purity. T&S and equip products have always excelled at meeting strict federal low lead standards. And as you would expect, T&S is always ready with innovative products that meet or surpass new legislation, such as the California Assembly Bill 1953 (AB1953).

What is AB1953?

California Assembly Bill 1953 (AB1953) was signed into law in September of 2006. This new legislation requires a reduction in the lead content of products to a weighted average lead content of not more than 0.25% in pipes, fixtures and fittings.

All products introduced into California commerce after January 1, 2010 must meet the criteria outlined by this code. The new law applies to any pipe or plumbing fitting, or any fixture intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption (i.e., for drinking or cooking).

T&S: Products you can trust.

T&S plumbing fixtures and fittings have always conformed to National Science Foundation (NSF) standards for low lead. Products that pass these regulations already convey or dispense water featuring extremely low (trace) lead levels, more than safe enough for anyone to drink or cook with.

California is leading the nation by going one step farther—through lowering lead content in the pipes, fixtures and fittings themselves. This extra step means that products that conform to AB1953 will continue to excel at water purity standards, but will also feature lower levels of lead in the composition of the parts themselves. The state of Vermont has similar legislation also effective January 1, 2010. Washington is in the process of enacting similar legislation, with others possible to follow their lead.

Plumbing fixtures and fittings that meet AB1953 regulations — like this T&S Brass pre-rinse unit — perform at high levels on both lead leaching tests and amount of lead weight in the product itself.





Will T&S and equip products meet the AB1953 regulations?

Since T&S and equip products have always excelled at nationwide federal requirements, you can always count on our products for conveying and dispensing extremely pure water. Our standard line will continue to meet or surpass clean water standards around the country.

However, to meet the upcoming need for AB1953-compliant products, T&S is developing a new line of "CA" fixtures and fittings. We have already been working for months to provide this offering of fixtures and fittings that meet AB1953, while continuing to deliver the quality and performance you've come to expect from T&S. These will be available under the "CA" label well in advance of the January 1, 2010 deadline.

The new "CA" models will be available for 24-hour processing under the T&S Quick Ship program. We can also modify them for you using other "CA" items. This limited line is designed for those interested in purchasing compliant models in advance of January 2010; from that date on, all T&S and equip products will comply with the new regulations.

To ensure that these new products meet our exacting standards, we put the "CA" line through a series of vigorous testing studies. To the credit of our engineers and employees, the "CA" line has shown no noticeable difference in either strength or finish.

T&S: Your source for AB1953-compliance.

There are a number of websites that can provide more information on the new legislation.

- California State Assembly: www.assembly.ca.gov
- International Assembly of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO): www.iapmo.org
- Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI): www.pmihome.org
- Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC): www.phccweb.org

At T&S Brass, we are pleased to take a leading role in innovating and developing AB1953-compliant fixtures and fittings. As 2010 approaches, continue to look to T&S for news and products related to AB1953. Contact your sales representative or visit www.tsbrass.com for more information or for a product catalog. And enjoy the confidence that comes with reliability built in.



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