

What is AB1953?

On September 30, 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed California Assembly Bill 1953 into law. This law defines “lead free” to mean not more than a weighted average of 0.25% lead content in pipe and fittings.

When does AB1953 go into effect?

January 1, 2010.

Who is affected?

All consumers and businesses distributing plumbing products in California.

What products are affected by AB1953?

All devices at the point-of-use that are intended to dispense water for human consumption. According to AB1953:

“No person shall introduce into commerce, for use in California, any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting, or fixture intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking water or cooking that is not lead free. This includes kitchen faucets, bathroom faucets, and any other end-use devices intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking.”

Why is this new standard important?

Products that do not meet the criteria as outlined by AB1953 by January 1, 2010, cannot be sold in the State of California.

Does the AB1953 requirement or standard vary for residential and commercial applications?

The AB1953 lead content standard does not distinguish between residential and commercial uses. Any installation of a product intended to dispense water for human consumption must meet the lead content standards of this new law.