

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1953 (AB 1953)

What is AB 1953?

California Assembly Bill 1953 (AB 1953) is an Assembly Bill that was passed in 2006 that prohibits the installation or repair of any pipe, plumbing fitting or fixture conveying water for human consumption that is not “lead free” in residential and commercial applications. AB 1953 became a law on January 1, 2010.

What does “Lead Free” mean?

Lead Free is defined as any pipe, plumbing fitting or fixture having a weighted average lead content of the wetted surface area of not more than 0.25%.

When did AB 1953 go into effect?

The new law went into effect on January 1, 2010. There is no “grandfather clause” written into this law. That means that any component as defined above, installed after January 1, must meet the new standard. Any component that does not meet this standard cannot be sold or installed after this date.

Who does AB 1953 affect?

AB 1953 is a California state law that applies to consumers, businesses distributing, and businesses installing plumbing products in the state of California. A similar law (S152) was also passed by the State of Vermont.

What does AB 1953 mean to me?

If you live in California all pipes, plumbing fittings or fixtures being installed or repaired in residential, commercial or institutional applications which convey water for human consumption must meet AB 1953 regulations.

What products are affected by AB 1953?

According to AB 1953 “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”. A few examples of products this bill covers include kitchen faucets, bar faucets, drinking fountain faucets, and lavatory faucets. There is no differentiation between residential and commercial.

What products are not affected by AB 1953?

Any devices not intended to convey water for human consumption such as fire hydrants; fittings and valves for wastewater distribution systems, decorative fountains, marine applications, air and vacuum appliances, bathtubs, showers, Roman tubs, sanitary sewer drains, irrigation sprinklers, toilets, urinals, bidets, laboratory uses, service sinks, whirlpools, spa therapy pools, and clothes washers; hose bibs, fittings, tees and splitters, flush valves, solenoid valves; pre-rinse assemblies that do not include an auxiliary spout or other outlet; bath tub faucets; showerheads and showerhead adapters.

How do AMTC products comply with AB 1953?

AMTC offers a full line of automatic faucets that are AB 1953 compliant. AMTC faucets are Certified and Listed by IAPMO (International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials- A third party plumbing product testing lab/certification body).

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