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IAPMO R&T Outshines Other Low-Lead Plumbing Law Third-Party Certification Bodies

Ontario, Calif. (Jan. 20, 2010) — Now that California's Low-Lead Plumbing Law, Section 116875 of the California Health and Safety Code, is being actively enforced, more and more certification agencies, big and small, are throwing their hats into the ring to try and secure a portion of the fast-growing low-lead product certification market.

What manufacturers should know, however, is that not all third-party certification bodies are the same.

IAPMO R&T is fully qualified and accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and Standards Council of Canada (SCC) to provide certification services and listing to Section 116875 (formerly known as AB 1953), which allows a maximum weighted average lead count of less than or equal to .25 percent in all pipe fittings and fixtures that interact with drinking water.

Compliance to the law is based on a weighted average calculation of total surface area in contact with drinking water and the maximum percent lead content of materials used in the production of the item. Manufacturers wishing to market their products in California are required to have them certified as satisfying this requirement.

Manufacturers have long trusted IAPMO R&T for its foresight in assisting them to meet the dynamic legislative demands on their faucets, valves, fittings and other products that contact drinking water. IAPMO R&T has been certifying plumbing products to be in compliance with standards governing their use since 1936 and was one of the first bodies to certify them to California's low-lead law.

"You know exactly what you're getting with IAPMO R&T — a highly credible, capable, responsive and fully accredited provider of your low-lead certification needs," said Shahin Moinian, senior director of IAPMO R&T. "Many of these 'me, too' organizations have never demonstrated any such capability in the past and lack the accreditations IAPMO R&T possesses."

Manufacturers can request more information on Section 116875 certification by contacting Shahin Moinian at (909) 472-4121 or shahin.moinian@iapmort.org. For more information on this and other services provided by IAPMO R&T, please visit www.iapmort.org.

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