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Another first for IAPMO R&T: Certification to the California Lead Plumbing Law

Ontario, Calif. (Feb. 25, 2009) — In June 2008, Chicago Faucet became the first plumbing product manufacturer to have its products tested in compliance with the California law to allow a maximum weighted average lead count of ≤ 0.25 percent. Manufacturer Xiamen Lota followed in July 2008, Grohe in August 2008 and Globe Union in October 2008, each complying early with the requirements of California Assembly Bill 1953 and listing their products with IAPMO R&T.

Manufacturers have long trusted IAPMO R&T for its foresight in assisting them in meeting the dynamic legislative demands on their faucets, valves, fittings and other products that contact 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.

“In early September 2007, IAPMO R&T was already in the process of assisting product manufacturers in their compliance to these laws,” said Shahin Moinian, senior director of IAPMO R&T. “Since then, we have listed more than 10 companies as showing their compliance to the new laws and the additional requirements of NSF/ANSI Standard 61. As is the case with all our listees, ongoing Compliance Conformance plant inspections are conducted annually on an unannounced basis. Our staff understands the significance to consumers illustrated by manufactures showing compliance to these wide ranging laws.”

As a point of information, IAPMO R&T does offer certification to Annex G of NSF/ANSI 61. However, please note that Annex G is not the same as AB 1953 and therefore proof of compliance to this annex does not provide for proof of compliance to AB 1953.

Manufacturers can request more information on AB 1953 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.iapmo.org.

Since 1936, Authorities Having Jurisdiction have trusted IAPMO R&T to certify plumbing products that meet the required standards.

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