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Updated CALPIA Customer Alert: Bar Soap Products

SACRAMENTO –The California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) recommends that its customers stop using bar soap already purchased from CALPIA.

CALPIA began shipping replacement soap on Saturday, July 28 with the goal of providing every customer with new soap by COB Wednesday, August 1.

CALPIA has not been contacted by anyone reporting health concerns associated with the bar soap product.

During an annual inspection, a trace amount of a chemical listed as a carcinogen under Proposition 65 was found to be present in the soap's fragrance.

This chemical is a natural organic compound that is listed as a third tier priority for the State of California to study. It may be 3-5 years before the State issues guidelines with respect to maximum exposure levels. This product is not hazardous by OSHA criteria and does not contain any carcinogens or potential carcinogens as listed by ACGIH, IARC, OSHA, or NTP.

In the absence of guidance under Proposition 65, CALPIA discontinued using the chemical in this product and recommends that unused products already purchased be returned to CALPIA. Used soap should be disposed of according to instructions sent to each institution.

CALPIA will reimburse customers for unused soap currently in their possession. CALPIA will also reimburse customers for any additional cost incurred in the procurement of soap from any other vendor between now and the delivery of the new soap.

If you have questions as to the status of delivery to your institution, please contact Scott Perkins at the number below.

- Scott Perkins (product needs/logistics) - Scott.Perkins@calpia.ca.gov or (916) 605-8503
- Eric Reslock (product information) - Eric.Reslock@calpia.ca.gov or (916) 764-1696

CALPIA is a self-financed and self-sufficient state entity that receives all of its revenue from the sale of products it manufactures. The recidivism rate among CALPIA offenders is 24 to 30 percent lower than the general prison population, a success attributed to the job skills that they receive by working in CALPIA business enterprises.

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