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ICC Evaluation Service[®] Will List Pipes, Pipe Fittings, and Plumbing Fittings under the California Health and Safety Code

ICC Evaluation Service, Inc.[®] (ICC-ES[®]) has announced it is ready to provide listings under Section 116875 of the California Health and Safety Code. This section of the California code concerns the maximum allowable lead content in “lead-free” pipes and pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking. Under the ICC-ES[®] PMG[™] Listing Program, for plumbing, mechanical, and fuel gas (PMG) products, manufacturers will be able to get their products tested, in conformance with the California protocol or equivalent analytical methods, at any laboratory that is properly accredited by a signatory to the Mutual Recognition Arrangement of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation. The test results will be submitted to ICC-ES[®], which will consider them in its overall evaluation of the product.

The term “lead-free” is defined as the weighted average of 0.25 percent with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes and pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures. Until recently, there was no established test protocol for the products in question. Such a protocol has now been issued by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. (The protocol is here: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/upload/lead-in-plumbing-testing-protocol.pdf>.) ICC-ES[®] will therefore offer listings to manufacturers who desire third-party certification that their products meet the California Health and Safety Code requirements and test standards.

Products that show compliance with the California Health and Safety Code section 116875 may add the words “**≤0.25% LEAD**” under ICC-ES PMG certification mark.



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For more information on listings under Section 116875 of the California Health and Safety Code, please contact Bernie Soesilo, ICC-ES® Director of Listing Programs, at 888-422-7233, extension 3709, or by e-mail bsoesilo@icc-es.org.

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