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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO DISTRIBUTORS, CUSTOMERS, AND USERS OF FORD METER BOX PRODUCTS

Relatively recent state laws, California AB1953 and Vermont S.152, effective January 1, 2010, make it unlawful for any person or business to “introduce into commerce” or “sell or offer for sell” products, for use in these states in systems providing water intended for human consumption, in which the product’s wetted surface contains more than 0.25% lead by average weight. Items containing exclusively traditional waterworks red brass, which contains 5% lead, are generally non-qualifying products that do not meet the requirements of these laws. (However, California law AB1953 still allows service saddles made from the traditional waterworks brass containing 5% lead.)

The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. intends to adhere strictly to these statutes and manufactures a variety of brass products that meet or exceed the statutes’ lead material requirements. The Ford Meter Box distribution channel for plumbing and waterworks products is such, however, that Ford Meter Box rarely knows the final shipping destination and installation location of the products it sells. For example, Ford Meter Box will most likely not know if others intend a product, shipped to locations outside of California and Vermont, for use in California or Vermont. Knowledge and supervision of such activity is beyond Ford’s reasonable scope of business and responsibility. Nevertheless, those products that Ford manufactures that meet the requirements of these laws will be clearly labeled as no-lead (“NL”) products, and it is therefore the responsibility of the recipient to ensure adherence to these laws. The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. therefore disclaims any liability resulting from the sale, installation, or use by others of non-qualifying products in California or Vermont.

Please realize your responsibility to understand and uphold the full intent and scope of these laws. Ford Meter Box stands ready to provide products and information that will assist you in ensuring that you meet your obligations, but if you have questions about a particular situation, please consult with your own legal or regulatory advisors.

Regards,

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