

CUSTOMER ALERT

California Senate Bill 317

CALIFORNIA RV & CAMPGROUND CUSTOMERS:

What is SB 317?

California Senate Bill 317 (California Health and Safety Code section 25210.2) prohibits the use of products containing 14 specified chemicals in a holding tank or other portion of a waste facility of a (1) recreational vehicle (RV), or (2) campground chemical toilet that discharge to certain types of waste systems.

What does SB 317 cover?

- Recreational vehicles (RVs)
- Campground chemical toilets

What kind of RV and Campground waste systems are covered by SB 317?

- Recreational vehicles (RVs)
- Campground chemical toilets

What 14 chemicals are banned in specified RV and Campground waste systems?

- bronopol
- dowicil
- formalin
- formaldehyde
- glutaraldehyde
- paraformaldehyde
- para-dichlorobenzene
- benzene
- toluene
- xylene
- ethylene glycol
- 1,1,1-trichloroethane
- trichloroethylene
- perchloroethylene

When does SB 317 become operative?

January 1, 2022

Why was SB 317 passed?

According to legislative history, “[P]rohibiting Californians from purchasing or using products that include these 14 chemicals will help reduce the risk of their introduction to septic systems at RV parks and campgrounds.”

What is Walex doing to help customers comply with SB 317?

Walex is ensuring that products supplied to RV and Campground customers in California do not contain the listed chemicals and is educating distributors, California retailers, and campgrounds regarding the new law.

Does SB 317 require anything of owners and operators of RV parks and campgrounds?

Yes. An owner or operator of an RV park or campground that utilizes one of the specified waste systems is required to post in a conspicuous location a notice stating the following:

The State of California prohibits the use of products in RV holding tanks, including deodorizers, that contain bronopol, dowicil, formalin, formaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, paraformaldehyde, para-dichlorobenzene, benzene, toluene, xylene, ethylene glycol, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, or perchloroethylene. These chemicals can inhibit biological activity in onsite wastewater treatment systems and threaten groundwater and drinking water wells, and are strictly forbidden.

Please use bacteria- or enzyme-based products.

