

# Proposition 65

There is an initiative in California (USA) called Proposition 65, which lists approximately 1000 substances that must be identified on products.

It not only concerns plastics, but also small amounts of heavy metals in steels.

As an American manufacturer, Barnel is subject to the legislation of the USA and its individual states.

Hand tools belong to a category in which these materials tend **NOT** to be present. Even if traces of them were present, it would take decades of daily use – without gloves – before any effect on the user would be noticeable.

As a precautionary measure and for safety purposes, American industry has decided that these warnings should be displayed EVERYWHERE to keep within the legal limits in California; the cost of testing for absolutely safe products **would not be economically feasible**.

Barnel has been producing hand tools for pruning and gardening since the end of the 1980s, long before Proposition 65 and without any user or product problems.