

Spring, 2020 International Crystal Federation Newsletter

Dear ICF Members,

We hope everyone is well and ready to return to the “new normal” of everyday life. The following is a brief update on matters of common interest.

- **2020 ICF Membership Dues** – The ICF Board of Directors has approved the elimination of Membership Dues for 2020. We have financial reserves set aside for “emergencies” and we feel it is appropriate to assist our members in the current extraordinary situation. If you paid your 2019 ICF Dues, you are a member in good standing for 2020.
- **ICF Technical Exchange Conference Postponed** – The ICF Technical Exchange Conference planned for this Fall has been postponed until travel and health restrictions are lifted. We hope to have the next TEC in October, 2021 and are exploring new “formats”.
- **New “Crystalline” Product Classifications Added To Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States** – The ICF petitioned the International Trade Commission to add “crystalline” product classifications to HTSUS. The new classifications have recently been approved and will go into effect on July 1, 2020. Details will be provided in a separate communication next month (we hope to have a Department of Commerce printed copy of the new “crystalline” product classifications by then).
- **Legislative Report North America & Europe** – The regulatory wheels have recently turned more slowly than before but they have not stopped due to the virus. California Proposition 65 activity has actually increased; however, most of the new activity is targeted at other industries. The revision of European “Food Contact Material (FCM) Regulations is continuing (see the attached report).
- **Proposition 65 Changes** – In the unending search for “clarity and fairness”, California authorities have modified/clarified the responsibilities for delivering the Proposition 65 Warning through the distribution chain to California residents. Fortunately, our industry is “grandfathered” and the new regulations will not impact our members unless they did not participate in the 1993 and 2001 ICF lead “industry” consent judgments. Please be aware that some of your retailers will be confused by the “new requirements”. Please contact me directly when this happens.
- **ICF Website Updated:** www.internationalcrystal federation.org

We wish everyone a safe, healthy and successful return to their regular life pursuits.