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Suffolk County Local Law No. 15-2016
A Law to Increase Awareness of Professional Garment Cleaning Chemical Use

Dear Professional Garment Cleaning Operator:

You have been identified as an operator of a professional garment cleaning establishment that is located in Suffolk County. We are sending you this letter to inform you about a new local law which requires you to post a sign in two locations in your establishment to help educate consumers about garment cleaner chemical usage. Please note that this county requirement is in addition to New York State posting requirements (6 CRR-NY 232-1.7).

On June 1, 2016, the Suffolk County Legislature adopted Local Law No. 15-2016, which directed the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) to categorize professional garment cleaning solvents based on potential environmental and human health risks and develop a sign for the purpose of raising awareness about the solvents used in professional garment cleaning (see <https://www.ecode360.com/31229912> to view the local law).

The sign, approved by the Suffolk County Legislature on November 20, 2018, must be displayed in two locations at garment cleaning establishments by March 1, 2019. One sign must be displayed in the window clearly visible to those outside the establishment. A second sign must be located by the counter visible to anyone entering the establishment. Any professional garment cleaning establishment which delivers professionally cleaned clothes to homes or offices must also provide a statement on receipts indicating which solvent process was used to clean the clothes.

Two copies of the sign are enclosed with this letter. You must indicate on the sign, in the column marked "This Cleaner Uses", all the solvents that are used in your garment cleaning establishment. For more information visit our website, <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Garment-Cleaning-Information> where copies of the sign can be downloaded. The sign is also available on the website in several languages, as is a link to the local law.

This local law will be enforced by the SCDHS. Please note that failure to comply with these requirements will constitute a violation of the local law and be subject to penalties.

Thank you for your assistance with disseminating this important information. If you have any questions please feel free to call 631-854-2501.

Sincerely,

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