

California and US Mold Laws and Regulations:

SB 655 [Filed with Secretary of State October 09, 2015.] would add mold as a substandard condition in Health and Safety Code 17920.3."

Visible mold growth, as determined by a health officer or a code enforcement officer, as defined in Section 829.5 of the Penal Code, excluding the presence of mold that is minor and found on surfaces that can accumulate moisture as part of their properly functioning and intended use.

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The bill requires real estate (structure) owners, sellers, transferors, and leasers to provide a written disclosure to potential buyers, prospective tenants, renters, landlords, or occupants of any chronic water intrusion or flood condition, or of mold that is known to exceed the permissible exposure limits or poses a health threat.

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An authoritative reference book suggests two additional ways in which the implied warranty of habitability may be violated. The first is the presence of mold conditions in the rental unit that affect the livability of the unit or the health and safety of tenants. Pg 49 _ References - Civil Code Section 1941.4; Public Utilities Code Section 788. See California Practice Guide, Landlord-Tenant, Paragraph 3:21.10 (Rutter Group 2009)

Beginning Jan 1, 2016, the presence of visible mold will be added to the list of conditions in the California Housing Code, already including dampness of habitable rooms, that make housing substandard (Cal. Health & Safety Code §17920.3). CA Mold Damp Statement