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CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE  
Part 4. Miscellaneous Provisions  
Title 4. Civil Discovery Act  
Chapter 14. Inspection and Production of Documents, Tangible Things, Land, and Other Property  
Article 2. Response to Inspection Demand

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*Cal Code Civ Proc § 2031.230 (2010)*

**§ 2031.230. Representation of inability to comply**

A representation of inability to comply with the particular demand for inspection, copying, testing, or sampling shall affirm that a diligent search and a reasonable inquiry has been made in an effort to comply with that demand. This statement shall also specify whether the inability to comply is because the particular item or category has never existed, has been destroyed, has been lost, misplaced, or stolen, or has never been, or is no longer, in the possession, custody, or control of the responding party. The statement shall set forth the name and address of any natural person or organization known or believed by that party to have possession, custody, or control of that item or category of item.

**HISTORY:**

Added Stats 2004 ch 182 § 23 (AB 3081), operative July 1, 2005. Amended Stats 2009 ch 5 § 12 (AB 5), effective June 29, 2009.