

The Basics

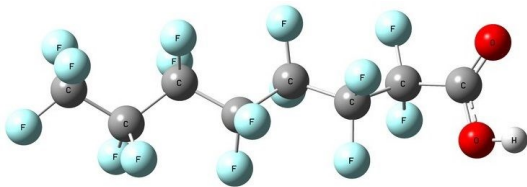
The law

Act 152 (2022) **prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution for sale or use of paper food packaging** that contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (collectively known as **PFAS**).

These chemicals are used to make food packaging products greaseproof, waterproof, non-stick, and stain resistant.

Why ban PFAS?

PFAS are chemicals that do not break down over time and can build up in the environment and in our bodies, potentially causing adverse health problems. Food can become contaminated when coming into contact with packaging containing PFAS.



More information

For more information about PFAS, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://health.hawaii.gov/food-drug/>

You can also use the QR code to find this flyer translated to:

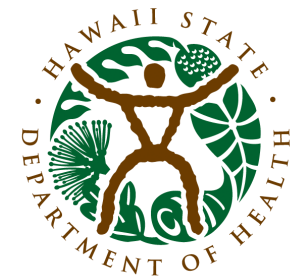
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No PFAS



IN FOOD PACKAGING

**Effective
December 31, 2024**



The Details

When does the PFAS prohibition go into effect?

December 31, 2024

What products are banned?

ALL paper food packaging **containing PFAS** is prohibited.

Some examples of containers that **MUST NOT** contain PFAS:

- Wraps and liners
- Plates
- Food boats
- Pizza boxes



Who does this affect?

End users of food packaging products:

- Food manufacturers
- Kitchen supply distributors and retailers
- Food establishments (large and small)

What alternatives are available?

Please use up your existing stock of packaging products and order compliant packaging going forward. Look for **PFAS-free labels** or verify the country of origin – **food-grade packaging manufactured in the U.S.** should no longer contain PFAS due to U.S. Food and Drug Administration efforts to phase out the use of PFAS in food packaging. You can also request a certification from your distributor that the packaging is compliant.



Alternative packaging products include:

- Uncoated paper products
- Foil or foil-lined products
- Bioplastic or bioplastic-foamed products
- Molded fiber products with bioplastic linings
- Paper container products (i.e., clamshells or boats) with clay, wax, or bioplastic coatings
- Paper sheets and bags with wax or bioplastic coatings

Bioplastics are manufactured using vegetable fats or oils, corn starch, and other renewable sources.

Please also note any local county ordinances that prohibit petroleum-based plastic food packaging, such as the City and County of Honolulu's Disposable Food Ware Ordinance.

