



# 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
- Clamshells
- 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.

