

PFAS in Food Packaging

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What does the ban apply to?

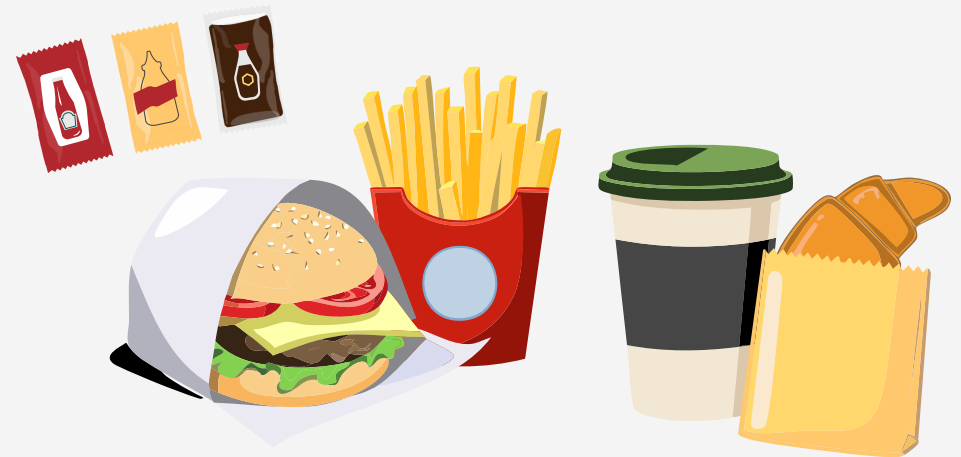
The ban applies to certain food packaging types:

Paper or other plant fiber



AND

Have PFAS intentionally added



For more information on the food packaging prohibition, see RCW 70A.222.070:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.222.070>

First compliance date: Feb. 1, 2023

Starting Feb. 1, 2023

- Wraps
- Plates
- Food boats
- Pizza boxes



Second compliance date: May 1, 2024

Starting May 1, 2024

- Bags and sleeves
- Bowls
- Flat serviceware, including items like plates and trays
- Open-top containers, including items like french fry cartons and food cups
- Closed containers, including items like clamshells



How to comply

Food packaging manufacturers must submit this Certificate of Compliance.

Manufacturers that make food packaging items on the banned list must develop and keep this certificate.

Businesses that purchase any of the above products can ask the manufacturer for their certificate of compliance.

Certificate of Compliance:
For Compliance Deadline: February 1, 2023
Per-and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances (PFAS)
in Plant Fiber-Based Food Packaging

As of February 1, 2023: Manufacturers that produce wraps, plates, food boats, or pizza boxes must fill out this certificate and:

- Keep this certificate as long as the packaging is in use.
- For three years after its last sale or distribution.
- This certificate must be provided if requested.

☐ Our food packaging or packaging component is in compliance with the Washington State RCW 70A.222.070 as described in *Ecology's First Alternatives Assessment*.

- Attached to this certification is a list of all products included in this certification, including the brand, product name, and UPC or similar identifying code under which it is sold.
- (Optional) Attached to this certification is a documentation that the packaging or packaging components do not contain any intentionally added PFAS chemicals.

☐ Food packaging manufactured by our company is not sold in Washington State.

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I, _____ (legibly print name), am _____ (title) for above-named business and I am duly authorized to make this certification. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided to complete this form is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Dated _____, at _____
(Day/Month/Year) City, State

Signature: _____

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Thank you



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