

# Leading Regulations to Eliminate PFAS

in Europe and the US

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# PFAS Use Remains Widespread

- Food packaging & food service ware
- Textiles, upholstery, leather, apparel, carpet & rugs, fabric sprays
- Cleaning agents, polishes & waxes
- Cosmetics & ski treatment
- Metal plating & metal products mfg.
- Lubricants & construction products
- Electronics, energy, transportation
- Medical devices & medicinal uses

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## An overview of the uses of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)<sup>†</sup>

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Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are of concern because of their high persistence (or that of their degradation products) and their impacts on human and environmental health that are known or can be deduced from some well-studied PFAS. Currently, many different PFAS (on the order of several thousands) are used in a wide range of applications, and there is no comprehensive source of information on the many individual substances and their functions in different applications. Here we provide a broad overview of many use categories where PFAS have been employed and for which function; we also specify which PFAS have been used and discuss the magnitude of the uses. Despite being non-exhaustive, our study clearly demonstrates that PFAS are used in almost all industry branches and many consumer products. In total, more than 200 use categories and subcategories are identified for more than 1400 individual PFAS. In addition to well-known categories such as textile impregnation, fire-fighting foam, and electroplating, the identified use categories also include many categories not described in the scientific literature, including PFAS in ammunition, climbing ropes, guitar strings, artificial turf, and soil remediation. We further discuss several use categories that may be prioritised for finding PFAS-free alternatives. Besides the detailed description of use categories, the present study also provides a list of the identified PFAS per use category, including their exact masses for future analytical studies aiming to identify additional PFAS.

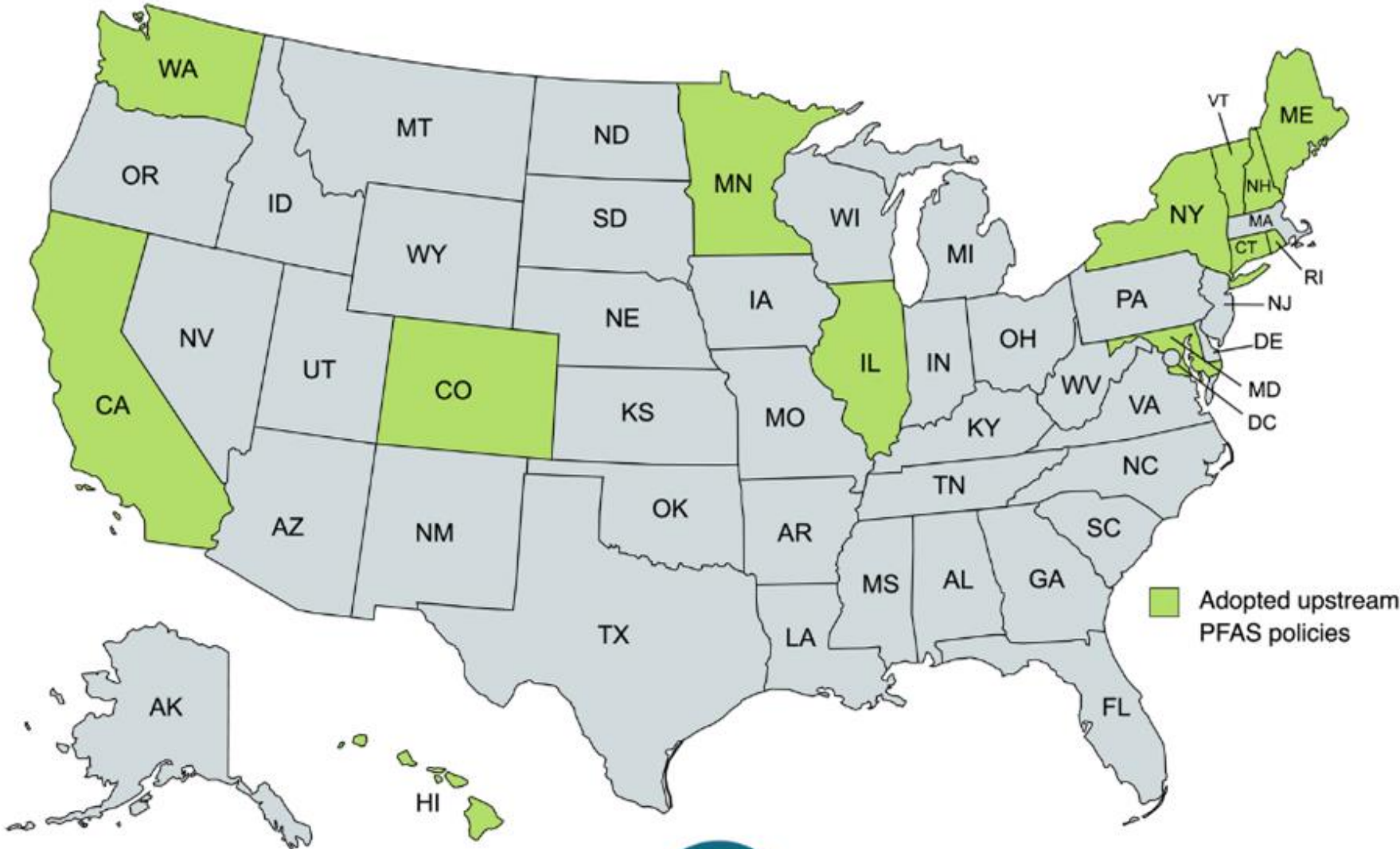
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**12 states**  
have  
adopted  
upstream  
PFAS  
policies



# PFAS should be out of Food Packaging by 2023



## Food Packaging

<p><b>Federal agencies are taking action</b> to eliminate PFAS in food packaging, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Defense is phasing out PFAS in all military Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) food packaging</li> </ul>		
<p><b>States are taking action</b> to eliminate PFAS in food packaging, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California</li> <li>• Colorado</li> <li>• Connecticut</li> <li>• Hawaii</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maine</li> <li>• Maryland</li> <li>• Minnesota</li> <li>• New York</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rhode Island</li> <li>• Vermont</li> <li>• Washington</li> </ul>
<p><b>Restaurant chains are taking action</b> to eliminate PFAS from some or all of the food packaging used in their outlets, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cava</li> <li>• Chick-fil-A</li> <li>• Chipotle</li> <li>• Freshii</li> <li>• McDonald's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nathan's Famous</li> <li>• Panera Bread</li> <li>• RBI (Burger King, Popeyes, Tim Hortons)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starbucks</li> <li>• Sweetgreen</li> <li>• Taco Bell</li> <li>• Wendy's</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grocery stores are taking action</b> to eliminate PFAS from some or all of the food packaging used in the products sold in their stores, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ahold Delhaize (Food Lion, Giant, Hannaford, Stop &amp; Shop, Peapod)</li> <li>• Albertsons (Safeway, Vons, Shaw's, Randalls, Haggen, Carrs)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amazon</li> <li>• Trader Joe's</li> <li>• Whole Foods Market</li> </ul>

# PFAS should be out of Textile Articles by 2025



## Textiles

<p><b>States are taking action</b> to eliminate PFAS in carpets, rugs, apparel, textile furnishings, upholstered furniture, fabric treatments and/or other textiles, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California</li> <li>• Colorado</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maine</li> <li>• Maryland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vermont</li> <li>• Washington</li> </ul>
<p><b>States are taking action to eliminate PFAS from and/or require disclosure</b> of PFAS in firefighter personal clothing and equipment, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California</li> <li>• Colorado</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maryland</li> <li>• New York</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vermont</li> <li>• Washington</li> </ul>
<p><b>Major brands and retailers are taking action</b> to eliminate PFAS in apparel, carpets, rugs, textile furnishings, upholstered furniture, fabric treatments and/or other textiles, including, but not limited to:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deckers Brands</li> <li>• H&amp;M</li> <li>• Home Depot</li> <li>• IKEA</li> <li>• Jack Wolfskin</li> <li>• Keen Footwear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levi Strauss &amp; Co</li> <li>• Lowe's</li> <li>• Milliken &amp; Co.</li> <li>• Office Depot</li> <li>• Patagonia</li> <li>• Polartec</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staples</li> <li>• Sympatex</li> <li>• Target</li> <li>• Ugg</li> <li>• Victoria's Secret</li> <li>• Zara</li> </ul>





## Firefighting Foam

<p><b>Federal agencies are taking action</b> on PFAS based firefighting foam, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Defense is phasing out the use of PFAS based foam</li> </ul>
<p><b>States are taking action</b> through legislation and regulation to ban the use of PFAS based firefighting foam, and/or creating take back programs for already purchased foam, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California</li> <li>• Colorado</li> <li>• Connecticut</li> <li>• Hawaii</li> <li>• Illinois</li> <li>• Maine</li> <li>• Maryland</li> <li>• New Hampshire</li> <li>• New York</li> <li>• Vermont</li> <li>• Washington</li> </ul>
<p><b>States are banning incineration</b> of firefighting foam, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illinois</li> <li>• New York</li> </ul>

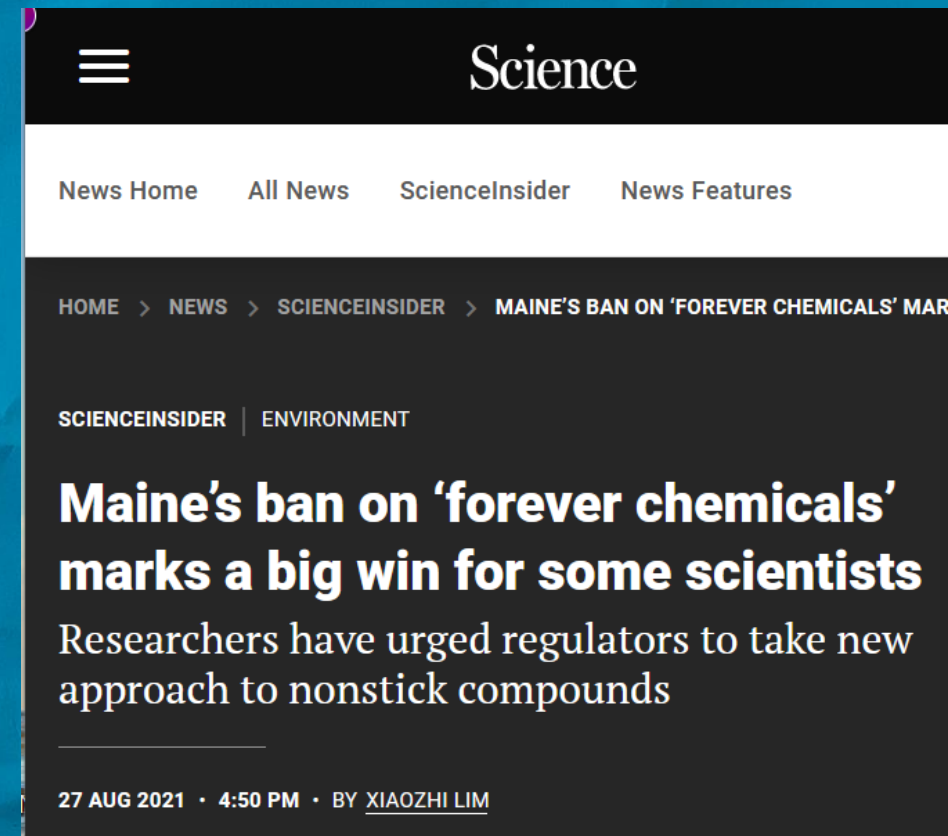


## Cosmetics

<p><b>States are taking action</b> to eliminate PFAS chemicals in cosmetics, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California</li> <li>• Colorado</li> <li>• Maryland</li> </ul>
<p><b>Major retailers are taking action</b> to restrict PFAS in cosmetics, including:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target</li> </ul>

# Maine Takes a Common-Sense Approach

- By Jan 1, 2023, PFAS use is prohibited in carpets, rugs & fabric sprays sold in state
- By Jan 1, 2023, all manufacturers must report PFAS use in products sold, and by industry
- By rule, Maine can phase out other non-essential uses of PFAS in other products
- By Jan 1, 2030, all PFAS uses are banned unless DEP determines that a specific use is “currently unavoidable” – i.e. “essential to health, safety or functioning of society, and for which alternatives are not reasonably available



# Thank You

Feel free to contact me with additional questions

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# Efforts to phase out PFAS use in products

- Many states tackling specific uses:
  - WA, ME, NY, VT, soon CA are addressing PFAS in food packaging
  - VT, ME, CA and soon WA are addressing PFAS in carpets, rugs, and fabric treatments
  - VT in ski wax
- Retailers and Manufacturers also taking action
  - Chipotle, McDonalds, Taco Bell and others have committed to eliminating PFAS from wrappers
  - Home Depot & Lowes stopped selling PFAS containing carpets and rugs
  - KEEN removing all PFAS from footwear by 2025

