

With immediate effect, four **PFAS** substances may not be used in the manufacturing of food contact materials (FCM) and may not be present in FCMs as a contamination.

PFAS IS EVERYWHERE!



Water Resistant Clothing



Firefighting Foams



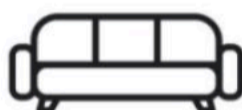
Personal Care Products



Non-Stick Cookware



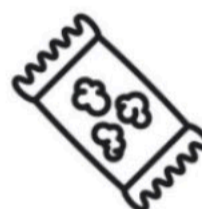
Fast Food Packaging



Stain Resistant Furniture



Stain Resistant Product



Microwave Popcorn Bags



Pesticides



Photography



Cosmetics



Paint

What are PFAS substances?

PFAS stands for poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances. This is a large family of chemical substances which comprises more than 6,000 substances. PFAS have very useful chemical and physical properties, such as resistance to fire, and repellency to dirt and water. For this reason, PFAS are used in all kinds of consumer products. PFAS are controversial because they are hazardous for human health and the environment.

Which products are affected immediately?

PFAS can be used in carton and paper FCMs, for example, cardboard pizza boxes or cardboard containers for popcorn or French fries. The reason for PFAS use in paper and board FCMs are its grease repellent properties.

The Netherlands will ban the use of four PFAS substances in all food contact materials as of July 1st, 2022, however "paper and board" is considered as the only potential FCM which might contain the four banned PFAS substances.

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And what's next?

Per February 25th, 2023 Europe-wide bans will be in place. That change will affect a large range of products as PFAS are e.g. used in firefighting foams, non-stick metal coatings for frying pans, paper food packaging, creams and cosmetics, textiles for furniture and clothing, paints, coating, varnishes, chrome plating and preservatives. See the [REACH restriction list under Entry 68](#).

That means for many companies: **ACT NOW** as some are already ordering products that will be sold in the market after February 25th, 2023!

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