



US Proposed Update to package material requirement TPCH to Include Phthalates and PFAS

On July 9, 2020, the Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse (TPCH) announced it was seeking comments on the organization's draft update to their Toxics in Packaging Model Legislation. The update includes the addition of PFAS and phthalates as regulated chemicals. The comment period will be open until August 24, 2020.

Current restricted substances and the proposed adding substances are as below:

Substances	Requirement	Status
Lead	The sum of the concentration levels of lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium incidentally present in any package or packaging component shall not exceed 100 parts per million by weight (0.01%).	Current regulated
Cadmium		
hexavalent chromium		
Mercury		
Phthalates	Prohibition of sale or distribution of package or packaging components containing phthalates. The concentration levels of phthalates incidentally present in any package or packaging component shall not exceed 100 parts per million by weight (0.01%).	Public comment status, the comment period will be open until August 24, 2020
Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS),	Prohibition of sale or distribution of a package or packaging components containing PFAS. A manufacturer, supplier or distributor may not offer for sale or for promotional purposes a package or packaging component to which PFAS has been intentionally introduced during manufacturing or distribution in any amount.	

HCT SOLUTION :

TPCH is short for "Toxics in Packaging Clearing House", it was previously called CONEG, which stands for "the Coalition of Northeastern Governors". The current TPCH Model Legislation and laws enacted in 19 states prohibit the intentional use of cadmium, lead, mercury, and hexavalent chromium in any finished package or packaging component and was effective from year 1989. The current TPCH requirements are the same to EU packaging material requirements.

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