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California restricts the use of PFAS in Textile articles

On September 1, 2022, California issued Act AB 1817 to add Chapter 13.5 to Part 3 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, which mainly prohibits the manufacture, distribution and sale of textile articles containing PFAS. The Act will be implemented on January 1, 2025, and the details are as follows:

Scope: "Textile articles" means textile goods of a type customarily and ordinarily used in households and businesses, and include, but are not limited to, apparel, accessories, handbags, backpacks, draperies, shower curtains, furnishings, upholstery, beddings, towels, napkins, and tablecloths.

"Textile articles" does not include any of the following:

1. Carpets and rugs, and treatments containing PFAS for use on converted textiles or leathers.
2. Components of vehicles, vessel and aircraft.
3. Filtration media and filter products used in industrial applications, including, but not limited to, chemical or pharmaceutical manufacturing, and environmental control technologies.
4. Textile articles used in or for laboratory analysis and testing.
5. Stadium shades or other architectural fabric structures.

Requirement: Any of the following situations is prohibited:

1. PFAS is intentionally added to textiles,
2. The total amount of organic fluorine in textiles is higher than:
 - (A) 100 ppm from January 1, 2025,
 - (B) 50 ppm from January 1, 2027.

Exemption: From January 1, 2025, Outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions can be sold until January 1, 2028 if it is accompanied by a PFAS disclosure and a statement that "Made with PFAS Chemicals".

Original link : https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1817

HCT SOLUTION :

Existing California Health and Safety Act will restrict the use of PFAS in food packaging on January 1, 2023 and in children's products on July 1, 2023. Combined with the additional requirements in the Act, the California Health and Safety Act will restrict the use of PFAS in three categories of products. The scope of international restrictions on PFAS is becoming more and more extensive. HCT recommends that relevant companies avoid using PFAS as much as possible to ensure the legal compliance of products.

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