

PFAS Guidance for Manufacturers, Suppliers, and Distributors

PFAS are toxic, human-made substances that persist in the environment, commonly referred to as “forever chemicals.” In 2021, Vermont’s lawmakers enacted a ban on PFAS in food packaging, firefighting foam, ski wax, and carpets and rugs. This ban went into effect on July 1, 2023.

Specifically, under [Vermont law 18 V.S.A. § 1671-1695](#), a manufacturer, supplier, or distributor shall not manufacture, sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use the following products if per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been intentionally added to them and are present in any amount:

- Food packaging
- Residential carpets and rugs
- Aftermarket stain and water-resistant treatments
- Ski wax and related tuning products

Businesses should review the [PFAS Guidance for Manufacturers, Suppliers, and Distributors](#) for definitions, details on the law, and frequently asked questions.

For technical questions, contact the Vermont Department of Health via email at AHS.VDHEEnvironmentalHealth@vermont.gov or by telephone at (800) 439-8550.

For general questions about enforcement, contact the Vermont Attorney General’s Office via email at AGO.Info@vermont.gov or by telephone at (802) 828-3171.

To learn more about PFAS in Vermont, visit the [Department of Environmental Conservation’s website](#).