

US Government Proposes to Phase Out All Non-Essential PFAS Uses in Ten Years

On 18 April 2024, an H.R. 8074 Bill titled “To phase out production of nonessential uses of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, to prohibit releases of all perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes” was introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives.

This Act may be cited as the “**Forever Chemical Regulation and Accountability Act of 2024**”.

The general rule is, **not later than 10 years** after the date of enactment of this Act, manufacturers and users shall complete the full phaseout of non-essential uses of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Effective Date

Notwithstanding the 10 years phaseout general rule, the Bill also specifies certain products for **accelerated phaseout**. The following table describes the year(s), as counted after the date of enactment of this Act, as the phaseout period for that group of products.

Beginning on the date after those phaseout years, no person may sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale, in interstate commerce, those products that contain intentionally used perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Type	Phaseout year(s)	Products that contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
(A)	1	(1) carpet or rug, (2) fabric treatment, (3) food packaging and containers, (4) juvenile product, (5) oil or gas product
(B)	2	(1) cosmetics, (2) indoor textile furnishing, (3) indoor upholstered furniture, (4) accessory or handbag, (5) indoor and outdoor apparel (unless classified as Type (D))
(C)	4	(1) outdoor textile furnishing, (2) outdoor upholstered furniture
(D)	5	outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions
Others	10	all non-essential uses of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

References

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