



2025 Retail Product Quality Compliance Guide:

PFAS





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Governments worldwide are tightening restrictions on PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) due to their environmental and health risks. With evolving regulations at both federal and state levels, companies must understand PFAS restrictions, testing requirements, and phase-out deadlines to maintain compliance. This section outlines key legislation, industry impacts, and strategies for managing PFAS compliance in your supply chain.

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PFAS Compliance



Understanding PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are synthetic chemicals known for their stain resistance, water repellency, and durability. These properties make PFAS widely used in fabric treatment and dyes for clothing, footwear, rain gear, swimwear, hiking gear, and athletic apparel.

PFAS in Textile Applications

PFAS are man-made, fluorinated compounds designed to enhance water and stain resistance in textiles. These substances are often categorized under various acronyms, including PFCs (perfluorinated chemicals), PFOAs (perfluorooctanoic acid), and PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonate).

Industry Terminology & Variability

In the apparel industry, terms such as PFCs, PFAS, PFOS, and PFOAs are frequently used interchangeably. While these chemicals have minor molecular differences, they generally serve the same function—providing durability and performance enhancements to textiles.

Key Takeaways

Scope of PFAS Regulations

- Compliance requirements vary by jurisdiction, with different thresholds for allowable PFAS levels.
- Companies must track not only existing PFAS regulations but also proposed legislation that could impact future operations.



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- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has introduced new PFAS reporting requirements for manufacturers and importers, dating back to 2011.
- Multiple U.S. states and the European Union are implementing PFAS bans and restrictions in consumer goods, textiles, and packaging.
- Compliance involves tracking state and federal regulations, testing for PFAS in materials, and managing supplier certifications.

Breaking it Down

Scope of PFAS Regulations

- Textiles & Apparel: States like California, New York, and Washington are banning PFAS in clothing and outdoor gear.
- Food Packaging & Cookware: Several states are prohibiting PFAS in food-contact materials and kitchenware.
- Personal Care Products: Regulations apply to cosmetics, dental floss, menstrual products, and fabric treatments.
- Industrial & Commercial Uses: Restrictions on PFAS in firefighting foam, cleaning products, and furniture upholstery.

Federal Actions:

The EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap outlines upcoming regulations, including:

- Mandatory PFAS Reporting: Manufacturers and importers must disclose PFAS usage data dating back to 2011.
- EPA Reporting Scope:
 - Applies to PFAS chemicals listed on the CompTox and CDX 8(a)(7) lists.
 - Requires disclosure of PFAS production volumes, use cases, disposal methods, exposure risks, and hazards.
- Reporting Deadlines:
 - November 12, 2024: EPA's CDX portal opens for submissions.
 - May 8, 2025: Standard reporting deadline.
 - November 10, 2025: Extended deadline for small manufacturers.

European Union Actions: The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is evaluating a proposal under REACH to restrict PFAS. Key updates include: The Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC) are reviewing public comments. Sector-specific restrictions will be introduced gradually, based on feedback from national authorities.



Timeline

January 1, 2025	NY, CA and IL PFAS bans take effect. NY PFAS Ban
January 1, 2026	MN PFAS reporting requirement begins Minnesota PCA PFAS Compliance
January 11, 2026	EPA's standard PFAS reporting deadline. EPA Reporting Deadline
July 1, 2026	CT PFAS Reporting Begins CT PFAS Rule
October 2026	EU REACH PFHxA ban takes effect for clothing & footwear. EU REACH Restrictions
January 1, 2027	California's PFAS limit reduced to 50 ppm. CA PFAS Limits
January 1, 2027	EPA's extended PFAS reporting deadline for small manufacturers. EPA Reporting
January 31, 2027	WA PFAS reporting takes effect. WA PFAS Draft

How Texbase Helps manage PFAS data:

Texbase provides powerful tools to help brands and suppliers navigate the increasingly complex PFAS compliance landscape. With state-by-state variations in PFAS bans, reporting mandates, and documentation requirements, having a centralized digital compliance solution is essential.

Material Testing: Texbase enables companies to identify and verify PFAS-free materials, ensuring compliance with evolving regulations.

Lab Test Data Importer (LTDI): Streamlines PFAS test data management, validating results across batches and lots for accurate compliance tracking.

Automated Reporting: Automates PFAS certification processes, simplifying compliance reporting for regulatory submissions.

Compliance Data Management: Texbase centralizes PFAS compliance data, providing a scalable and efficient solution to stay ahead of regulatory changes.

Other Resources

- [CompTox List](#)
- [CDX 8\(a\)\(7\) List](#)
- [EPA's CDX Portal](#)



Your Data Holds the Key to Compliance

Texbase Helps You:

- Get Control of Your Data – Organize and centralize supplier certifications, test reports, and compliance records.
- Stay Ahead of New Regulations – Be proactive, not reactive, with structured data that's ready for audits and reporting.
- Simplify Complex Compliance Tasks – Automate certification tracking, lab test imports, and documentation processes.

Take Action Today:

If compliance feels like a moving target, the real issue might be your data. Let's fix that.

A quick demo can show you how to get your compliance data in order.

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Join Us at an Upcoming Event:

We'll be hosting a series of webinar with insights on compliance, data management, and what's coming next.

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