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Novolex wants to update you on our phase-out of the use of intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in our paper foodservice packaging from Bagcraft.

Consumer safety is a Novolex priority when designing and manufacturing products. All Novolex foodservice products are subject to U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidance and follow applicable agency standards. PFAS chemistry has been used for decades across the industry in food packaging materials, in compliance with FDA standards, to enhance their ability to resist oil and grease absorption.

While the PFAS materials used in our products are FDA compliant, Novolex has recognized the public debate surrounding PFAS materials. In 2018, we started working with paper mills to develop alternatives. Currently, we are fielding new foodservice paper products developed without intentionally added PFAS as rapidly as the mills can deliver the paper to us. Concurrently, over the past couple of years several states have passed laws mandating the phase-out of foodservice packaging that uses intentionally added PFAS. While we are still fielding these new alternative papers, we are also committed to complying with these regulations that will ban FDA-approved PFAS.

Novolex Bagcraft's goal is to phase out production of all packaging with added PFAS throughout the US before 2023, but supply chains for new non-fluorinated papers have not kept pace with our aggressive target. Nevertheless, we will continue to work to phase out the use of intentionally added PFAS in all of our manufacturing facilities by the end of 2022. Importantly, we will end the use of intentionally added PFAS in products that will be sold by Novolex Bagcraft for use in New York, California, and Washington state in compliance with their PFAS bans noted below. It is possible that in some states without upcoming PFAS bans we may not have enough supply of alternative non-fluorinated papers to support a complete phase out until early 2023.

Key regulatory dates customers should be following:

- December 31, 2022 – New York ban on the sale or distribution of intentionally added PFAS in foodservice paper packaging;
- January 1, 2023 – California ban on the sale or distribution of intentionally added PFAS in foodservice paper packaging;
- February 1, 2023 – Washington state ban on the manufacturing, sale or distribution of intentionally added PFAS in foodservice paper packaging; and

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- July 1, 2023 – Vermont ban on the sale or distribution of intentionally added PFAS in foodservice paper packaging.

Key dates for Bagcraft PFAS phase out:

- December 1, 2022 – target for transition for production to non-fluorinated grease resistant paper at our California and Washington facilities; and
- January 1, 2023 – target to transition production to non-fluorinated grease resistant paper in all remaining Bagcraft facilities.

How to identify Bagcraft new non-fluorinated replacements:

- To minimize disruption of our customers' supply chains during this transition, the majority of our products will continue to use the same product IDs for non-fluorinated options as for traditional products.
- Grease resistant products that are made with non-fluorinated paper will have outer cases marked with "NF" added to the printed date code to designate it as a non-fluorinated product and help differentiate from existing inventory you might have.
- Customers should manage inventory prior to January 1, 2023 in New York, California and Washington state to use existing products prior to the bans taking effect.

Please note that we will not accept returns of unused products containing FDA approved PFAS after January 1, 2023 from New York, California or Washington as they are still allowed for use in other states.

We are eager to work with you to support a smooth transition to products with non-fluorinated grease resistant paper. As part of that commitment, we will continue to inform you of the status of the transition process as needed. In the interim, please do not hesitate to speak with your sales representative if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Product list referenced:

Product ID	Product Description	PFAS Status
449615	Butter WHTGR 6.5x1x8 2M	Contains FDA Approved PFAS Additives

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