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Presence of PFAS in Food Contact Materials

Food packaging, factory equipment, food utensils – almost everything we eat has been in contact with one or more of these items. There are thousands of chemicals in food contact materials (FCM) that can potentially migrate into our food or drink.

Some are particularly concerning, including **per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)**, which are synthetic chemical compounds and are often used in paper takeaway boxes and wooden utensils, due to their grease and water-resistant properties.

Moreover, they pose a threat to human health and to the environment when disposed of.

We had **mentioned** that the US government had already implemented measures to regulate PFAS chemicals in consumer goods and starting in 2024, a number of bills have been introduced at the state level to restrict/prohibit PFAS in a range of products.



In Hong Kong, with the upcoming ban on single-use plastic products in April ([Product Eco-responsibility \(Amendment\) Bill 2023](#)), more and more paper- and wood-based alternatives are expected to hit the market & used as a substitute.

As the market leader in PFAS services, our Green Mark service can help stakeholders to identify & make correct claims in the right way that ensures their product claims are truthful and substantiated while avoiding greenwashing and its negative effects on consumer trust.



OR



The targeted PFAS assessed list is based on market concern, actual usage, regulatory consideration. All information is subjected to regulation update and review by SGS technical committee, allowing you to communicate your product's compliance to global requirements & positive environmental aspects more clearly through your packaging and various promotional materials to consumers.

SGS' Green Mark assessment scheme, based on recognized standards, ensures your product has passed all defined criteria allowing you to differentiate your product in the FCM industry.

For more information on this service, please contact our Sales team!

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