Seven US states have adopted legislation banning the use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) in fiber-based food packaging.

In addition ten additional states have also proposed legislation in Food Packaging, and the federal government has indicated that it will take further action in this area over the next three years, suggesting its importance, and probable regulatory expansion, in the near future.

As the Biden administration's new plan to regulate "forever chemicals" comes down harsh on restaurants, supermarket chains to stop using wraps, paperboards and fiber containers with added PFAs, this sends a message to food & food packaging companies to work closely with suppliers and prepare for the compliance transition or face legal consequences.

PFAs are environmentally persistent, and toxic. And studies have shown that PFAs in paper wraps and boxes can migrate into food.

It has been estimated - from the North American context that about 50% of takeaway packaging contains PFAs.

While the rise in compostable materials are increasingly used to replace single-use packaging – many of them are designed to have coatings that repels moisture and grease. Once put in to the composting facility, packaging that contains PFAs will contaminate the compost and also re-enter the food chain and released into the wider environment.

What alternative chemicals are there to replace PFAs ? and are they safer than the PFAs they replace ?

What comparisons or third-party certifications are done on the safety of the chemicals used in food packaging ?

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- 09:00 Welcome Remarks by CMT
- 09:05 Opening Remarks by Moderator
- 09:10 US Federal Actions to Address PFAs, and California's Proposition 65 Challenges Xin Tao, Senior Associate Hogan Lovells US

09:30 Q&A

09:40 Conditions and definitions: Current state of PFAs regulation throughout the USA Joan Sylvain Baughan, Partner, Global Food Contact Materials Practice Lead Steptoe & Johnson

10:00 Q&A

10:10 Certification of compostable PFAs free food packaging - the way forward Margaret Eldridge Certification Manager Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI)

10:30 Q&A

10:40 Investigating PFAs in food packaging at grocery and fast food chains and developments in phasing out/ban PFAs in their food packaging materials Mike Schade, Mind the Store Campaign Director Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families

10:55 Q&A

11:00 GreenScreen Certified™: PFAs-free and Preferred Food Service Ware Shari Franjevic Green Screen Program Manager Clean Production Action

11:15 Q&A

11:20 Uncoated grease resistant paper for food packaging Henrik Kjellgren Product Manager Nordic Paper

11:35 Q&A

- 11:40 Composting lifecycle and how packaging manufacturers are finding sustainable solutions to added PFAS Eric Levine Resource Recovery Manager World Centric
- 12:00 Q&A
- 12:10 End of conference.