

AB 1200 (Ting): Safer Food Packaging and Cookware Act

Plant-Based Food Packaging

PFAS is a class of "forever" chemicals that are widely used in food packaging, particularly plant-based packaging such as cardboard or paper. PFAS can migrate from the packaging into the food, as well as contaminate soil when composted and water systems when landfilled. These chemicals can cause numerous health problems, including cancer, kidney and liver damage, and can harm infants and children.

AB 1200 bans the sale or distribution of plant-based food packaging treated with PFAS.



Cookware

PTFE, commonly known by the brand Teflon™, is a pan coating made from PFAS. When PTFE-coated pans are heated, especially above 400-500°F, they can release hazardous chemicals, contaminating the air we breathe.

AB 1200 requires cookware manufacturers to disclose, on the product label and online, the presence of hazardous chemicals, such as PTFE, from DTSC's Candidate Chemical List.

Misleading Advertising

Many cookware labels are misleading buyers into believing they are free of hazardous chemicals. They make the claim that they are "PFOA free", which is one specific PFAS chemical, while containing other PFAS chemicals.

AB 1200 would prohibit misleading advertising on cookware packaging claiming a product is free of a specific hazardous chemical when chemicals from the same class are present.

