

DRAFT ORDER

Pursuant to General Statutes § 22a-6

Commissioner Katherine Dykes

Effective **DATE**

Approval of “Words or Symbols” informing the purchaser of PFAS in a product

I hereby approve the use of the following words or symbols for labeling to inform the purchaser that a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance, or PFAS, as defined at section 22a-903c(a)(20) of the Connecticut General Statutes is present in the product: “Contains PFAS” or “Made with PFAS.”

Section 22a-903c(c)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that “[o]n and after July 1, 2026, no person shall manufacture, sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this state any (A) apparel; (B) carpet or rug; (C) cleaning product; (D) cookware; (E) cosmetic product; (F) dental floss; (G) fabric treatment; (H) juvenile product; (I) menstruation product; (J) textile furnishing; (K) ski wax; or (L) upholstered furniture if such product contains intentionally added PFAS, unless such product is labeled in accordance with this subsection.” Additionally, when “a product listed in [Section 22a-903c(c)(1)] contains intentionally added PFAS and is a component of another product, the product that contains the component shall be labeled.”

Section 22a-903c(c)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes further provides that “[a]ll labels shall be clearly visible prior to sale and shall inform the purchaser, using words or symbols approved by the department, that PFAS is present in the product.”

Products must be identified in such a way that satisfies the goal of providing the consumer with clear notice that the product contains PFAS. The Department also aims to provide the regulated community with sufficient notice of labeling requirements to accommodate the upcoming effective date of this requirement. Therefore, pursuant to section 22a-903c(c)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby approve the words “Contains PFAS” or “Made with PFAS” to indicate that a product contains PFAS.

Clarity is important as the provisions of section 22a-903c of the Connecticut General Statutes are implemented, in order to minimize disruption to product distribution and avoid any potential supply chain disruptions that could harm consumers. It is also imperative that consumers are made aware of the presence of PFAS in consumer products, to achieve the aims of 22a-903c(c). The Department, in conjunction with this order, will work with manufacturers to implement section 22a-903c of the Connecticut General Statutes as seamlessly as possible.