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## 2 CHAPTER 169. PHASE OUT OF PFAS ADDED CONSUMER PRODUCTS

## 3 § 7601. DEFINITIONS

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- 4 (1) "Adult mattress" means a mattress other than a crib or toddler mattress.
- (2) "Aftermarket stain and water-resistant treatments" means treatments for textile
  and leather consumer products used in residential settings for stain, oil, and water
  resistance, but excludes products marketed or sold exclusively for use at industrial
  facilities during the manufacture of a carpet, rug, clothing, or shoe.
  - (3) "Alternative" means a substitute process, product, material, chemical, strategy, or combination of these that has been evaluated and serves a functionally equivalent purpose to a PFAS in a product that presents a lesser hazard to human health and the environment than use of PFAS in the product.
  - (4) "Apparel" means any of the following:
  - (A) Clothing items intended for regular wear or formal occasions, including undergarments, shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, overalls, bodysuits, costumes, vests, dancewear, suits, saris, scarves, tops, leggings, school uniforms, leisurewear, athletic wear, sports uniforms, everyday swimwear, formal wear, onesies, bibs, reusable diapers, footwear, and everyday uniforms for workwear. Clothing items intended for regular wear or formal occasions do not include clothing items for exclusive use by the U.S. Armed Forces and personal protective equipment.

1		(B) Outdoor apparel.
2	<u>(5)</u>	"AFFF" or Aqueous Film Forming Foam means: a fire suppressant used to
3		extinguish flammable liquid fires such as fuel fires.
4	<u>(6)</u>	"Artificial turf" means a surface of synthetic fibers that is used in place of natural
5		grass in recreational, residential, or commercial applications.
6	<u>(7)</u>	"Cleaning product" means a compound intended for routine cleaning, including
7		general purpose cleaners, bathroom cleaners, glass cleaners, carpet cleaners, floor
8		care products, and hand soaps. Cleaning product shall not mean an antimicrobial
9		pesticide.
10	<u>(8)</u>	"Carpet or rug" means a fabric product marketed or intended for use as a floor
11		covering.
12	<u>(9)</u>	"Complex durable goods" means a consumer product that is a manufactured good
13		composed of 100 or more manufactured components, with an intended useful life
14		of 5 or more years, where the product is typically not consumed, destroyed, or
15		discarded after a single use. This includes replacement parts for complex durable
16		goods not subject to a phase out under this chapter.
17	<u>(10)</u>	"Consumer product" means any tangible personal property that is distributed in
18		commerce, and which is used for personal, family, or household purposes.
19		"Consumer products" includes product categories that are normally used by
20		households but sold to businesses (e.g. commercial carpets or commercial floor
21		waxes). "Consumer product" does not include complex durable goods or food.

1	<u>(11)</u>	"Cookware" means durable houseware items used to prepare, dispense, or store
2		food, foodstuffs, or beverages and that are intended for direct food contact,
3		including pots, pans, skillets, grills, baking sheets, baking molds, trays, bowls,
4		and cooking utensils.
5	<u>(12)</u>	"Cosmetic product" means articles or a component of articles intended to be
6		rubbed, poured, sprinkled, or sprayed on; introduced into; or otherwise applied to
7		the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, promoting attractiveness, or
8		improving or altering appearance, including those intended for use by
9		professionals. "Cosmetic product" does not mean soap, dietary supplements, or
10		food and drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
11	<u>(13)</u>	"Dental floss" means a string-like device made of cotton or other fibers intended
12		to remove plaque and food particles from between the teeth to reduce tooth decay
13		The fibers of the device may be coated with wax for easier use.
14	<u>(14)</u>	"Food" has the same meaning as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4051.
15	<u>(15)</u>	"Fluorine treated containers" means a fluorinated treated plastic container or
16		another fluorinated container listed by the Secretary by rule.
17	<u>(16)</u>	"Food packaging and containers" means: a container applied to or providing a
18		means to market, protect, handle, deliver, serve, contain, or store a food or
19		beverage. Food package includes:
20		(A) a unit package and an intermediate package;
21		(B) unsealed receptacles, such as carrying cases, crates, cups, plates, bowls,

1			pails,	rigid foil and other trays, wrappers and wrapping films, bags, and
2			tubs;	<u>and</u>
3		<u>(C)</u>	an inc	dividual assembled part of a food package, such as any interior or
4			<u>exteri</u>	or blocking, bracing, cushioning, weatherproofing, exterior
5			strapp	oing, coatings, closures, inks, and labels.
6	<u>(17)</u>	"Inco	ntinenc	y protection product" means a disposable, absorbent hygiene product
7		design	ned to a	bsorb bodily waste for use by individuals 12 years of age and older.
8	<u>(18)</u>	"Inter	ntionally	y added" means:
9		<u>(A)</u>	when	a person manufacturing a product or product component knows or
10			can re	easonably ascertain the final product or product component could
11			<u>conta</u>	in PFAS, including because:
12			<u>(i)</u>	PFAS or PFAS precursors are added to the product or product
13				component;
14			<u>(ii)</u>	PFAS or PFAS precursors are used in the manufacturing process of
15				the product or product component; or
16			<u>(iii)</u>	PFAS are present in the final product as a byproduct or impurity;
17				<u>or</u>
18		<u>(B)</u>	the pr	roduct or a product component contains PFAS above thresholds
19			<u>establ</u>	lished by the Secretary.
20	<u>(19)</u>	"Juve	nile pro	oduct" means a product designed or marketed for use by infants and
21		childr	en unde	er 12 years of age:

1		<u>(A)</u>	including a baby or toddler foam pillow; bassinet; bedside sleeper; booster
2			seat; changing pad; infant bouncer; infant carrier; infant seat; infant sleep
3			positioner; infant swing; infant travel bed; infant walker; nap cot; nursing
4			pad; nursing pillow; play mat; playpen; play yard; polyurethane foam mat.
5			pad, or pillow; portable foam nap mat; portable infant sleeper; portable
6			hook-in chair; soft-sided portable crib; stroller; toddler mattress; and
7			disposable, single-use diaper; and
8		<u>(B)</u>	excluding a children's electronic product, such as a personal computer,
9			audio and video equipment, calculator, wireless phone, game console,
10			handheld device incorporating a video screen, or any associated peripheral
11			such as a mouse, keyboard, power supply unit, or power cord; a medical
12			device; or an adult mattress.
13	(20)	"Kno	wn or reasonably ascertainable" means all information in a person's
14		posse	ssion or control, plus all information that a reasonable person similarly
15		situat	ed might be expected to possess, control, or know.
16	(21)	<u>"Man</u>	ufacturer" means any person engaged in the business of making or
17		assem	abling a consumer product for sale to or use by consumers. "Manufacturer"
18		exclu	des a distributor or retailer, except when a consumer product is made or
19		assem	abled outside the United States, in which case a "manufacturer" includes the
20		impor	ter or first domestic distributor of the consumer product.
21	(22)	"Med	ical device" has the same meaning given to "device" in 21 U.S.C. § 321.

I	<u>(23)</u>	"Menstrual product" means a product used to collect menstruation and vaginal
2		discharge, including tampons, pads, sponges, menstruation underwear, disks,
3		applicators, and menstrual cups, whether disposable or reusable.
4	<u>(24)</u>	"Outdoor apparel" means clothing items intended primarily for outdoor activities,
5		including hiking, camping, skiing, climbing, bicycling, and fishing.
6	<u>(26)</u>	"Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means "PFAS" as
7		defined in 40 C.F.R. § 705.3. The Secretary may adopt exemptions to the
8		definition of PFAS if that chemical is not toxicologically similar to chemicals
9		defined as PFAS. The Secretary may add chemicals to the definition of PFAS if
10		that chemical contains at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom and is
11		toxicologically similar to chemicals defined as PFAS.
12	<u>(27)</u>	"PFAS-added consumer product" means a consumer product that was
13		manufactured after the effective date of this chapter where PFAS was
14		intentionally added to that product or a component of the product.
15	<u>(28)</u>	"Pesticide" has the same meaning as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 1101
16	<u>(29)</u>	"Personal protective equipment" is clothing designed, intended, or marketed to
17		be worn by firefighting personnel in the performance of their duties, designed
18		with the intent for use in fire and rescue activities, and includes jackets, pants,
19		shoes, gloves, helmets, and respiratory equipment.
20	<u>(30)</u>	"Product component" means a component of a product, regardless of whether the
21		manufacturer of the product is the manufacturer of the component.

1	<u>(31)</u>	"Retailer" means a person who sells a PFAS-added product in the State through
2		any means, including a sales outlet, a catalogue, the telephone, the Internet, or any
3		electronic means. "Retailer" shall not mean a person who both manufactures and
4		sells at retail a consumer product with respect to the product that they
5		manufacture.
6	<u>(32)</u>	"Ski wax" means a lubricant applied to the bottom of snow runners, including skis
7		and snowboards, to improve their grip and glide properties.
8	<u>(33)</u>	"Textile" means any item made in whole or part from a natural, humanmade, or
9		synthetic fiber, yarn, or fabric, and includes, but is not limited to, leather, cotton,
10		silk, jute, hemp, wool, viscose, nylon, or polyester. "Textile" does not include
11		single-use paper hygiene products, including, but not limited to, toilet paper,
12		paper towels or tissues, or single-use absorbent hygiene products.
13	<u>(34)</u>	"Textile articles" means textile goods of a type customarily and ordinarily used in
14		households and businesses, and includes apparel, accessories, handbags,
15		backpacks, draperies, shower curtains, furnishings, upholstery, bedding, towels,
16		napkins, and table cloths. "Textile articles" does not include:
17		(A) a vehicle, as defined in 1 U.S.C. § 4, or its component parts;
18		(B) a vessel, as defined in 1 U.S.C. § 3, or its component parts;
19		(C) an aircraft, as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(6), or its component parts;
20		(D) <u>filtration media and filter products used in industrial applications</u> ,
21		including chemical or pharmaceutical manufacturing and environmental

1		control technologies;
2		(E) textile articles used for laboratory analysis and testing; and
3		(F) rugs or carpets.
4	<u>(35)</u>	"Upholstered furniture" means: any article of furniture that is designed for sitting,
5		resting, or reclining, and is wholly or partially stuffed with filling material.
6	§ 7602. EXE	MPTIONS.
7	The fo	ollowing are exempt from the requirements of this chapter:
8	<u>(1)</u>	A product for which federal law governs the presence of PFAS in the product in a
9		manner that preempts state authority.
10	<u>(2)</u>	Products made with at least 50 percent recycled content, excluding PFAS
11		solutions; the Secretary may adopt alternate minimum recycled content
12		exemptions by rule;
13	<u>(3)</u>	Products manufactured prior to the phase out imposed by section 7604 of this
14		title;
15	<u>(4)</u>	Drugs, medical devices, biologics or diagnostics approved or authorized by the
16		Federal Food and Drug Administration or the United States Department of
17		Agriculture or otherwise subject to regulation under the Federal Food, Drug, and
18		Cosmetic Act, as amended, 21 U.S.C. § 301 et seq. This exemption shall not
19		apply to products phased out pursuant to subsection 7401(1) or the Secretary
20		adopts a rule phasing out a PFAS added consumer product;
21	<u>(5)</u>	Products registered or authorized for use under the Federal Insecticide,

1		Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq. and Vermont
2		Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets under Title 6 Agriculture Chapter 81:
3		Insecticides, Fungicides, and Rodenticides, as amended; and
4		(6) Replacement parts for products manufactured prior to the phase out imposed by
5		section 7604 of this title.
6	<u>§ 7603</u>	3. INTERJURISDICTION CLEARINGHOUSE
7	<u>(a)</u>	The Secretary is authorized to participate in the establishment and implementation of a
8		multi-jurisdiction clearinghouse to assist in carrying out the requirements of this chapter
9		and to help coordinate applications and reviews of the manufacturer obligations under
10		this Act. The clearinghouse may also maintain a database or other collection of relevant
11		information, including but not limited to all products containing PFAS, including PFAS-
12		added products; applications for designation as a currently unavoidable use; and
13		exemptions granted by the participating jurisdictions.
14	<u>(b)</u>	Public disclosure of information submitted to the Secretary pursuant to this section shall
15		be governed by the requirements of 1 V.S.A, chapter 5, subchapter 3. Notwithstanding
16		whether information submitted to the Secretary pursuant to this section is exempt from
17		public disclosure under 1 V.S.A. § 317(c), the Secretary may provide the clearinghouse
18		with copies of such information provided:
19		(1) the Secretary provides notice of this section to the person submitting the
20		information; and
21		(2) all member jurisdictions of the clearinghouse protect such information from

1			disclosure by law, including as provided in subsection (d) of this section.
2	<u>(c)</u>	The S	cretary may publish analyses or summaries of such information provided that:
3		<u>(1)</u>	the analyses or summaries do not reveal any information that is confidential under
4			1 V.S.A. § 317(c); and
5		<u>(2)</u>	if relying on confidential information obtained from another jurisdiction, that
6			jurisdiction does not prohibit disclosure of such analyses or summaries.
7	<u>(d)</u>	Comr	unications and information shared among or between members of the
8		cleari	ghouse, including information maintained by the clearinghouse, shall not lose any
9		othery	ise applicable protection from disclosure by virtue of being shared within the
10		cleari	ghouse.
11	<u>§ 760</u>	4. PHA	SE-OUTS ON THE SALE OF CERTAIN PFAS-ADDED PRODUCTS
12		<u>Pr</u>	oduct phase-outs.
13		<u>(1)</u>	A manufacturer shall not manufacture, sell, or distribute for sale in the State the
14			following PFAS-added consumer products:
15			(A) AFFF;
16			(B) Aftermarket stain and water-resistant treatments;
17			(C) Artificial turf;
18			(D) Carpets and rugs;
19			(E) Cleaning products;
20			(F) Cookware;
21			(G) Cosmetic products;

1		<u>(H)</u>	Dental floss;
2		<u>(I)</u>	Fluorine treated containers;
3		<u>(J)</u>	Food packaging and containers;
4		<u>(K)</u>	Incontinency protection products;
5		<u>(L)</u>	Juvenile products;
6		<u>(M)</u>	Menstrual products;
7		<u>(N)</u>	Ski wax; and
8		<u>(O)</u>	<u>Upholstered furniture;</u>
9	<u>(2)</u>	Appai	rel textiles and textile articles. A manufacturer shall not manufacture, sell,
10		or dis	tribute for sale in the State apparel textiles or textile articles with
11		conce	entrations of total organic fluorine greater than 50 parts per million.
12	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Firefi</u>	ghting; personal protective equipment.
13		<u>(A)</u>	A manufacturer or other person that sells firefighting equipment to any
14			person, municipality, or State agency shall provide written notice to the
15			purchaser at the time of sale, citing to this subchapter, if the personal
16			protective equipment contains PFAS. The written notice shall include a
17			statement that the personal protective equipment contains PFAS and the
18			reason PFAS are added to the equipment.
19		<u>(B)</u>	The manufacturer or person selling personal protective equipment and the
20			purchaser of the personal protective equipment shall retain the notice for
21			at least three years from the date of the transaction.

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1	§ 7605	5. CER	ΓΙFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.
2	<u>(a)</u>	The A	attorney General or Secretary may request a certificate of compliance from a
3		manuf	facturer. Within 60 days after receipt of the request for a certificate of compliance,
4		the ma	anufacturer shall:
5		<u>(1)</u>	provide a certificate to the requestor attesting that the manufacturer's product or
6			products comply with the requirements of this subchapter. Upon request, the
7			manufacturer shall document the steps taken to reasonably ascertain whether
8			PFAS was present in a product or product component; or
9		<u>(2)</u>	notify persons who are selling a product of the manufacturer's in this State that
10			the product does not comply with this subchapter, and submit to the requestor a
11			list of the names and addresses of those persons notified.
12	<u>(b)</u>	A mai	nufacturer required to submit a certificate of compliance pursuant to this section
13		may r	ely upon a certification under section 7606 of this title provided to the manufacturer
14		by a s	upplier for the purpose of determining whether the manufacturer's product or
15		produ	cts comply with the requirements of this subchapter.
16	<u>(c)</u>	A cert	ificate of compliance shall be in a form prescribed by the Secretary.
17	<u>§ 7606</u>	6. MAN	JUFACTURER CERTIFICATION; RIGHT OF ACTION
18	<u>(a)</u>	A mai	nufacturer may request a certification from a supplier of an input into a product that
19		is mar	nufactured, sold, or distributed in the State of Vermont. That certification may
20		includ	le the following:

Whether PFAS was intentionally added to the product or product component;

1		(2) Whether a commercial chemical product contains PFAS;
2		(3) How PFAS was used in the development of the product or product component;
3		(4) Any additional information reasonably necessary for the manufacturer to ensure
4		compliance with this chapter.
5	<u>(b)</u>	A supplier shall have 60 days from the date the manufacturer sends the request for a
6		certification to respond to the request. The manufacturer and supplier may agree to an
7		extension of time in writing. A supplier who needs to send a request for a certification to
8		their suppliers shall respond 180 days from the date that the original request was sent,
9		unless otherwise agreed to with the original requestor in writing.
10	<u>(c)</u>	Any supplier providing a certification under this section may require the recipient to
11		agree not to disclose information, except to the State of Vermont, that is confidential
12		under 1 V.S.A. § 317(c).
13	<u>(d)</u>	A manufacturer may sue a supplier for failure to provide a certificate under this section.
14		A supplier may be liable for actual and consequential damages as a result of its failure to
15		provide a certificate under this section. A manufacturer who prevails in a suit under this
16		section shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.
17	<u>(e)</u>	A supplier's failure to comply with this section is deemed to be a violation of section
18		2453 of title 9.
19	<u>§ 7607</u>	7. RULEMAKING
20		The Secretary may adopt rules to implement this chapter.
21	§ 7608	B. ENFORCEMENT

1	In addition to the enforcement authority under chapters 201 and 211 of this title, a			
2	violation of this subchapter is deemed to be a violation of section 2453 of title 9.			
3	Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 8003 is amended to read:			
4	§ 8003. APPLICABILITY			
5	(a) The Secretary may take action under this chapter to enforce the following statutes and			
6	rules, permits, assurances, or orders implementing the following statutes, and the Board			
7	may take such action with respect to subdivision (10) of this subsection:			
8	* * *			
9	(31) 10 V.S.A. chapter 124, relating to the trade in covered animal parts or products;			
10	and			
11	(32) 10 V.S.A. chapter 164B, relating to collection and management of covered			
12	household hazardous products; and			
13	(33) 10 V.S.A. chapter 169, relating to the phase out of PFAS added consumer			
14	products.			
15	Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 8505 is amended to read:			
16	§ 8503. APPLICABILITY			
17	(a) This chapter shall govern all appeals of an act or decision of the Secretary, excluding			
18	enforcement actions under chapters 201 and 211 of this title and rulemaking, under the			
19	following authorities and under the rules adopted under those authorities:			
20	(1) The following provisions of this title:			
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1	(V) chapter 124 (trade in covered animal parts or products); and		
2	(W) chapter 164B (collection and management of covered household		
3	hazardous products); and		
4	(X) chapter 168 (phase out of PFAS added consumer products).		
5	Sec. 4. 9 V.S.A. § 2494b is amended to read:		
6	§ 2494b. PROHIBITED CHEMICALS IN COSMETIC AND MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS		
7	(a) A manufacturer shall not manufacture, sell, offer for sale, distribute for any cosmetic or		
8	menstrual product to which the following chemicals or chemical classes have been		
9	intentionally added in any amount:		
10	(1) ortho-phthalates;		
11	(2) [deleted] PFAS;		
12	(3) formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0);		
13	(4) methylene glycol (CAS 463-57-0);		
14	(5) mercury and mercury compounds (CAS 7439-97-6);		
15	(6) 1, 4-dioxane (CAS 123-91-1);		
16	(7) isopropylparaben (CAS 4191-73-5);		
17	(8) isobutylparaben (CAS 4247-02-3);		
18	(9) lead and lead compounds (CAS 7439-92-1);		
19	(10) asbestos; (11) triclosan (CAS 3380-34-5);		
20	(12) m-phenylenediamine and its salts (CAS 108-42-5);		
21	(13) o-phenylenediamine and its salts (CAS 95-54-5); and		

1	(14) quaternium-15 (CAS 51229-78-8).		
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3	Sec. 5. 9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 12c is amended to read:		
4	Subchapter 12c. Chemicals of Concern in Food Packaging		
5	§ 2494w. DEFINITIONS		
6	As used in this subchapter:		
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8	(8) "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means a class of		
9	fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon		
10	atom.		
11	§ 2494x. FOOD PACKAGING		
12	(a) [deleted]A manufacturer shall not manufacture, sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or		
13	distribute for use in this State a food package to which PFAS have been intentionally		
14	added and are present in any amount.		
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16	Sec. 6. 10 V.S.A. § 7604 is amended to read:		
17	§ 7604. PHASE-OUTS ON THE SALE OF CERTAIN PFAS-ADDED PRODUCTS		
18	Product phase-outs.		
19	(1) <u>A manufacturer shall not manufacture, sell, or distribute for sale in the State the</u>		
20	following PFAS-added consumer products::		
21	(A) AFFF;		

1	(B)	Aftermarket stain and water-resistant treatments;
2	(C)	) Artificial turf;
3	(D)	) Carpets and rugs;
4	(E)	Cleaning products;
5	(F)	Cookware;
6	(G	) Cosmetic products;
7	(H)	) Dental floss;
8	(I)	Fluorine treated containers;
9	(J)	Food packaging and containers;
10	(K)	) Incontinency protection products
11	(L)	Juvenile products;
12	(M	I) Menstrual products;
13	(N	) Ski wax; and
14	(O)	) Upholstered furniture;
15	(2) Ap	oparel textiles, and textile articles. A manufacturer shall not manufacture, sell
16	or	distribute for sale in the State apparel textiles or textile articles with
17	coı	ncentrations of total organic fluorine greater than 50 parts per million.
18	(3) Fir	refighting; personal protective equipment.
19	(A)	A manufacturer or other person that sells firefighting equipment to any
20		person, municipality, or State agency shall provide written notice to the
21		purchaser at the time of sale, citing to this subchapter, if the personal

1		protective equipment contains PFAS. The written notice shall inc.	iude a
2		statement that the personal protective equipment contains PFAS ar	nd the
3		reason PFAS are added to the equipment.	
4		(B) The manufacturer or person selling personal protective equipment	and the
5		purchaser of the personal protective equipment shall retain the not	ice for
6		at least three years from the date of the transaction.	
7		(4) A manufacturer shall not manufacture, sell, or distribute for sale in the St	ate a
8		PFAS-added consumer product unless the Secretary has determined the ad	ldition
9		of PFAS to be a currently unavoidable use of PFAS pursuant to subsection	n (b) of
10		this section.	
11	<u>(b)</u>	Currently unavoidable use of PFAS. For products phased out under subsection (a	)(4) of
12		this section:	
13		(1)(A) Upon application of a manufacturer, the Secretary may grant a waiver for	up to
14		five years to the product phase out if the Secretary finds the application cl	<u>early</u>
15		meets the following criteria:	
16		(i) The product or product component, if unavailable, would r	esult in
17		a significant increase in negative healthcare outcomes, an i	<u>nability</u>
18		to mitigate significant risks to human health or the environ	ment, or
19		significantly interrupt the daily functions on which society	relies.
20		Products or product components may include those that are	<u>2</u>
21		integral to climate mitigation, critical infrastructure, delive	ry of

1				medicine, lifesaving equipment, production of food, public
2				transport, aerospace, aeronautics, public safety and defense, and
3				construction, and
4			<u>(ii)</u>	There is no alternative to PFAS that presents less hazard to human
5				health and the environment that serves a functionally equivalent
6				purpose to use of PFAS in the product.
7		<u>(B)</u>	When	considering a manufacturer request under this section, the Secretary
8			shall	follow the procedures established in 10 V.S.A. § 7714.
9	<u>(2)</u>	The S	Secretary	y may, by rule, determine that PFAS is a currently unavoidable use in
10		a cate	egory of	products. Category-based determinations made by the Secretary
11		shall	be for a	period of time identified in the rule not to exceed ten years. The
12		Secre	tary sha	all document the following as a part of the administrative record for
13		the ru	ıle:	
14		<u>(A)</u>	The p	product or product component, if unavailable, would result in a
15			signif	icant increase in negative healthcare outcomes, an inability to
16			mitig	ate significant risks to human health or the environment, or
17			signif	icantly interrupt the daily functions on which society relies. Products
18			or pro	oduct components may include those that are integral to climate
19			mitig	ation, critical infrastructure, delivery of medicine, lifesaving
20			<u>equip</u>	ment, production of food, public transport, aerospace, aeronautics,
21			public	e safety and defense, and construction.; and

1		(B) Inere is no alternative to PFAS that presents less nazard to numan health
2		and the environment that serves a functionally equivalent purpose to use
3		of PFAS in the product.
4	Sec. 7.	REPEAL.
5		9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 12a (PFAS in Consumer Products) and subchapter 12b
6		(PFAS in Firefighting Agents and Equipment) are repealed.
7	Sec. 8.	REPORTS
8	<u>(a)</u>	On or before January 15, 2033, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall provide a
9		recommendation to the House Committee on Human Services and Senate Committee on
10		Health and Welfare on how to address PFAS in complex durable goods.
11	<u>(b)</u>	On or before January 15, 2033, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall
12		provide a recommendation to the House Committee on Human Services and Senate
13		Committee on Health and Welfare on how to address PFAS in food.
14	Sec. 9.	EFFECTIVE DATES
15	<u>(a)</u>	Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 of this Act shall take effect on July 1, 2028.
16	<u>(b)</u>	Sec. 6 of this Act shall become effective 12 months from the date the Secretary certifies
17		that a law similar to this section are effective by any combination of the northeast states
18		with an aggregate population of at least 15,000,000 people. For purposes of this section,
19		northeast states shall include the New England states, New York, and New Jersey. In
20		making the determination that the law is similar, the law must have a ban on PFAS-added
21		consumer products and an unavoidable use waiver to that ban. The Secretary shall notify

1 the clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate when this requirement has been met.