

AGRINFO Webinar: New EU rules on bisphenol A and PFAS

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The new EU rules on two substances of concern in food packaging – BPA and PFAS (per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) – coming in mid-2026

Substances of concern in packaging: New EU rules on bisphenol A and PFAS (per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) – webinars November/December 2025

Update

This webinar explained the new rules set by the European Union on BPA (bisphenol A) and PFAS (per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances), which will apply from mid-2026.

Webinar resources

FAQs

A Frequently Asked Questions document in response to questions raised during the sessions is available here –

English:

- Questions and Answers: New EU rules on bisphenol A and PFAS

French:

- Questions et Réponses : Nouvelles règles européennes sur le bisphénol A et les PFAS

Spanish:

- Preguntas y Respuestas: Nuevas reglas europeas sobre el bisfenol A y los PFAS

Portuguese:

- Perguntas e Respostas: Novas regras europeias sobre o bisfenol A e os PFAS.

Slides and videos

Webinar 1: 25 November

English:



- Presentation slides
- Video recording

Webinar 2: 3 December

French:

- Presentation slides
- Video recording

Webinar 3: 4 December

Spanish:

- Presentation slides
- Video recording

Portuguese:

- Presentation slides
- Video recording

What is changing?

New rules set by the European Union (EU) on two substances of concern in food packaging – BPA (bisphenol A) and PFAS (per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) – will apply from mid-2026.

For more information on the new EU rules, see:

- Ban on bisphenol A (BPA) in food packaging
- New EU packaging rules explained (including rules on PFAS)

Why?

BPA is widely used in varnishes and coatings for food packaging, but can migrate into food. From July 2026, its use will not be authorised in specific food contact materials (adhesives, rubbers, ion-exchange resins, plastics, printing inks, silicones, varnishes and coatings), with some exceptions (Regulation [2024/3190](#)).

PFAS are persistent chemicals that represent environmental and health hazards. From August 2026, strict restrictions will apply to food contact packaging (Regulation [2025/40](#)).

To sell packaged food in the EU, businesses must ensure compliance with these requirements via a declaration of conformity. This is initially drafted by the packaging manufacturer and then shared across the supply chain, and updated if needed.

Timeline

Webinars held in November/December 2025

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