

January 2020 Update Safer Products for Washington

SUBJECT: Draft Priority Consumer Product Report released for public comment

Dear Interested Parties,

In partnership with Department of Health, Department of Ecology today **released a <u>draft report on</u> priority consumer products.**

In the report, we identified the following as priority products:

- Carpet and aftermarket carpet treatments containing PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).
- Vinyl flooring and cosmetic fragrances containing phthalates.
- Laundry detergent, thermal paper, and food cans containing phenolic compounds.
- Printing inks containing PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls).
- Electric and electronic equipment containing organohalogen flame retardants and flame retardants identified in RCW 70.240.010.

What we need from you

Please send your feedback on our draft report within the 45-day comment period from January 18, 2020, to March 2, 2020. This will help us ensure we base this process on the best available science and most complete research.

Why we chose these priority consumer products

We looked at reports from Health and Ecology, research from Ecology's product testing program, product chemical reports, and peer-reviewed literature. To learn why we chose these priority consumer products, **attend our webinar on February 19, 2020**. This email list will receive webinar registration information soon. We will share the presentation slides and the questions and answers on the Safer Products for Washington <u>stakeholder site</u>.

Where we are in the process

We are currently in the process of identifying priority products. After we receive your feedback during the comment period, we will finalize this report and submit it to the legislature by June 1, 2020. At that point, we will start the research to determine whether these products meet the criteria for regulation. We may impose a restriction, require reporting, or decide that no regulatory actions are necessary at this time.

Thank you for your involvement with <u>Safer Products for Washington</u>, <u>Chapter 70.365 RCW</u>. We appreciate your feedback as we finalize the report. We strive to have an open process to welcome public input, show our work, and find the best available opportunities to keep toxic chemicals out of products.

Thank you,

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