

Subject: Recap from product webinars + upcoming public comment period

Safer Products for WA stakeholders,

A few updates to share with you today—a recap from the product webinars, plus our upcoming public comment period.

Here it is in brief: Our team wants to provide an update on the potential regulatory determinations we shared during our product webinars this summer. We also hope you will mark your calendar for late 2021 to provide input during the comment period for our upcoming draft report to the Washington State Legislature.

We appreciate your engagement and involvement. Without the insight our stakeholders shared, we could not have completed our work to date.

Recap from our product webinars

Below is a list of the potential regulations we discussed during our product webinars this summer—organized by the priority chemical class each product contains.

If we talked about a potential restriction, we identified alternatives that are safer, feasible, and available.

- Flame retardants
 - We discussed a potential restriction on organohalogen flame retardants in electric and electronic enclosures, specifically plastic device casings, and in recreational polyurethane foam products.
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
 - We discussed a potential restriction on inadvertent PCBs in **paints** and **cyan**, **magenta**, **yellow**, **and black printing inks**.
- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
 - We discussed a potential restriction on PFAS in carpets and rugs, in aftermarket stain- and water-resistance treatments for indoor and outdoor textile and leather products, and in leather and textile furniture and furnishings.
- Alkylphenol ethoxylates (APEs)
 - We discussed a potential restriction on APEs in **laundry detergents**.
- Bisphenols
 - We discussed a potential restriction on bisphenols in thermal paper and in drink can linings, and mentioned a potential reporting requirement for bisphenols in food can linings.
- Phthalates
 - We discussed a potential restriction on ortho-phthalates in **vinyl flooring** and in **personal care and beauty products**.



Thank you to everyone who attended our webinars this summer and discussed products with us! Find all the product webinar materials on our <u>stakeholder webpage</u>.

Mark your calendar! Upcoming public comment period

We plan to publish our draft legislative report on regulatory determinations at the end of November 2021. The draft report will provide many more details about the possible regulatory determinations above. Please mark your calendar to provide input on the draft report between late November 2021 and early January 2022.

Don't hesitate to contact us (<u>SaferProductsWA@ecy.wa.gov</u>) with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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