



No Toxics in Food Packaging Act (H.R. 6105) Fact Sheet

Background

Around 5,000 synthetic chemicals are used during the processing and packaging of food. These chemicals can migrate into the food we eat and many are toxic. Scientists and medical professionals are sounding the alarm, including the American Academy of Pediatrics [1], [2], while the FDA continues to fail to protect the public's health, using outdated science on hormone disrupting chemicals like bisphenol A [3], and leaving companies to face reputational and commercial risks on an uneven playing field.

Over 200 chemicals on the FDA-approved list for food contact materials have been identified as hazardous, and another 530 are potentially hazardous to human health [4]. A recent study found 189 chemicals linked to breast cancer in food contact materials [5]. (References [here](#)).

The No Toxics in Food Packaging Act of 2023, [H.R. 6105](#), by Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), would ban five chemicals/chemical classes linked to breast cancer or hormone disruption from materials that come in contact with food or beverages during production, processing and packaging. These include 8 of the 10 most often detected chemicals in food contact articles that are linked to breast cancer and other serious health problems. The five chemicals / chemical groups are:

1. The class of Ortho-[phthalates](#)
2. The class of [PFAS chemicals](#)
3. [Bisphenols](#) (BPA, BPB, BPS, BPF, BPAF, & related compounds)
4. [Styrene](#)
5. Antimony Trioxide (used in PET manufacture)

The No Toxics in Food Packaging Act:

- Amends the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act to deem these chemicals unsafe for use as food contact substances
- Applies to all re-usable and pre-filled food and beverage packaging
- Allows companies two years to remove the banned chemicals
- Requires FDA to consider adverse effects on vulnerable populations when assessing alternative chemicals.

Let's stop the burden of toxic chemicals in packaging ...

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