

After the committee meeting last week there were a series of hallway conversations around the definition of intentionally added and the concerns that various trade associations had with the current definition in H. 238. I believe that we have reached a point where the ANR, AGO, the trade associations and environmental groups can live with a definition of intentionally added that is modeled off the definition in the State of Rhode Island (see below) with an effective date of 7/1/27 (the same effective date as most new products).

“Intentionally added PFAS” means PFAS added to a covered product or one of its product components to provide a specific characteristic, appearance, or quality or to perform a specific function. “Intentionally added PFAS” also includes any degradation byproducts of PFAS or PFAS that are intentional breakdown products of an added chemical. The use of PFAS as a processing agent, mold release agent, or intermediate is considered intentional introduction for the purposes of this chapter where PFAS is detected in the final covered product.

In addition, ANR and the AGO request that you add the following to the report in Sec. 4.

(6) a summary of PFAS data in industrial processes, to the extent available and whether any other state has restricted the use of PFAS contaminated water in manufacturing.

Thank you,

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