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## **Detpak's update on Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in fibre-based food contact packaging in Australia**

In response to the growing awareness of PFAS as chemicals of concern, and the Australian Packaging Covenant Organization's (APCO) '[Action Plan to Phase Out PFAS in Fibre-Based Food Contact Packaging](#)' (linked), Detpak has been working to remove added PFAS from our full range of fibre-based food contact packaging.

Extensive testing has been completed across our range of fibre-based materials to determine which materials and products would be classified as having intentionally added PFAS<sup>1</sup>, as indicated by levels of fluorine above 100 parts per million (ppm). Through a substantial review of our supply chain, the only materials and products which we identified to contain added PFAS are our grease resistant papers, such as those used in fry bags, and our moulded fibre products, such as those made from sugarcane bagasse.

Detpak are now in the process of replacing these products by transitioning these materials within our supply chain into some of the best quality PFAS Free<sup>2</sup> grease resistant papers and moulded fibre products available on the market.

As an example, we recently launched the Vanguard® range from Eco-Products® which are a range of sugarcane bagasse products with no intentionally added PFAS. We have also begun sourcing and producing PFAS Free<sup>2</sup> grease resistant paper bags and wraps, and are aiming to transition the remaining intentionally added PFAS items out of our Australian supply chain over the coming months in line with APCO's suggested PFAS Action Plan timeline.

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If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact your local Detpak representative.

Regards,



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<sup>1</sup>Intentionally added PFAS is defined by APCO in their Action Plan to Phase Out PFAS in Fibre-Based Food Contact Packaging, 2022 as items with measured concentrations greater than 100 parts per million (ppm) of total fluorine, total organic fluorine or extractable organic fluorine.

<sup>2</sup>"PFAS Free" means "No Intentionally Added PFAS", as defined by APCO.

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