

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4975

To prohibit the procurement, purchase, and sale by the Department of Defense of certain items containing a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. POSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

---

## A BILL

To prohibit the procurement, purchase, and sale by the Department of Defense of certain items containing a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “PFAS Free Military  
5 Purchasing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON PROCUREMENT, PURCHASING,**  
2 **AND SALE BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF**  
3 **CERTAIN ITEMS CONTAINING PERFLUOROAL-**  
4 **KYL SUBSTANCES AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**  
5 **SUBSTANCES.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT AND PUR-  
7 CHASING.—The Secretary of Defense may not—

8 (1) procure or purchase any covered item con-  
9 taining a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl  
10 substance; or

11 (2) permit the sale of any covered item con-  
12 taining a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl  
13 substance on any property under the jurisdiction of  
14 the Department of Defense.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “covered item” means—

17 (A) non-stick cookware or food service  
18 ware for use in galleys or dining facilities;

19 (B) food packaging materials;

20 (C) furniture or floor waxes;

21 (D) carpeting, rugs, curtains, or uphol-  
22 stered furniture;

23 (E) personal care items;

24 (F) dental floss or toothpaste;

25 (G) sunscreen;

26 (H) umbrellas, luggage or bags;

- 1 (I) ski wax;
- 2 (J) car wax and car window treatments;
- 3 (K) cleaning products; and
- 4 (L) shoes and clothing for which treatment
- 5 with a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroal-
- 6 kyl substance is not necessary for an essential
- 7 function.

8 (2) The term “perfluoroalkyl substance” means  
9 a man-made chemical of which all of the carbon  
10 atoms are fully fluorinated carbon atoms.

11 (3) The term “polyfluoroalkyl substance”  
12 means a man-made chemical containing at least one  
13 fully fluorinated carbon atom and at least one  
14 nonfluorinated carbon atom.

15 (4) The term “property under the jurisdiction  
16 of the Department of Defense” includes any—

- 17 (A) commissary;
- 18 (B) facility operated by the Army and Air
- 19 Force Exchange Service, the Navy Exchange
- 20 Service Command, or the Navy Resale and
- 21 Services Support Office;
- 22 (C) Marine Corps exchange;
- 23 (D) online exchange shop; and
- 24 (E) ship’s store.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
2 on the date that is one year after the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this Act.

