

# About AAFA



**BRAND PROTECTION**



**SUPPLY CHAIN  
AND MANUFACTURING**



**TRADE**

# Agenda

- 1. Regulations**
- 2. Brand internal capability**
- 3. Trade and chemical management**

# AAFA Chemical Management Position

- **Safe products should be the goal of all companies**
- **Product safety regulations make for an even playing field for all companies**
- **Advocate for use of peer-reviewed, credible data in creation of regulations**

# U.S. State Legislation

- **Many states 2021 proposed bills restricting PFAS in food packaging**
- **Connecticut SB 404**
  - **Would ban the use of PFAS in consumer products**
  - **No written definition of “consumer products” yet**
- **Vermont H. 26 and S. 20**
  - **Would add PFAS chemicals to list of “chemicals of high concern for children”**

# U.S. State Legislation

- **Massachusetts**
  - **Flame Retardants**
  - **House bill 4900: An Act to protect children, families, and firefighters from harmful flame retardants**
  - **Signed into law Jan. 2021, effective Dec. 2021**
  - **11 flame-retardant chemicals banned**
    - **Products including bedding, furniture, children's products, window treatments and carpeting manufactured on or after Dec. 31, 2021**

# Brand/ Retailer Internal Capability

- **Brands report average 1-5 full time product safety staff members**
- **Restricted Substances List**
  - Open source AAFA RSL
  - Brand developed RSLs
  - Testing lab RSL support
- **Industry collaboration**
  - AFIRM RSL
  - ICPHSO events

# AAFA Restricted Substances List

- Document developed and updated regularly with help from our partners
- Testing labs, brands, suppliers
- Covers international chemical restrictions for apparel, footwear, and travel goods
- Serves as regulatory base-line for companies

# Trade and Chemical Management

- **Example: rate of duty for water resistant garments**
  - **27.7% vs 6.2%**
  - **U.S. chapter note in HTS code**
    - **Chapter 62: "rubber or plastics application" to the garment**