

PPWR - Regulation EU 2025/40

PFAS & HEAVY METALS - UC STATEMENT

ITEM: 100113 – Cap, 28/410, screw on, ribbed, white, tamper evident, HDPE

This statement supports the Declaration of Compliance with the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) (Regulation (EU) 2025/40), published on 11 February 2025, establishing harmonised requirements for packaging across the European Union.

From 12 August 2026, the PPWR introduces substances of concern limits applicable to packaging, including:

- Heavy metal limits for all packaging (art. 5(4) of the PPWR);
- PFAS limits for food contact packaging (art. 5(5) of the PPWR).

HEAVY METALS

The PPWR maintains the heavy metal restrictions that were already set under the previous Packaging and packaging Waste directive (Directive 94/62/EC & amendments). We confirm that the product is designed to comply with this legislation.

PFAS

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) represent a broad group of more than 10,000 substances widely used for their water-, grease- and heat-resistant properties. Due to their persistence, they are often referred to as "forever chemicals".

In Chapter Section 2, Article 5, paragraph 5, the regulation sets specific restrictions on PFAS in food contact packaging, including defined concentration thresholds.

The regulation defines three thresholds, depending on how PFAS are measured:

- 25 ppb for any individual PFAS (targeted analysis, excluding polymeric PFAS)
- 250 ppb for the sum of PFAS (targeted analysis, excluding polymeric PFAS)
- 50 ppm (mg/kg) for total PFAS, including polymeric PFAS (often assessed via total fluorine)

Within this framework, the manufacturer confirms its commitment to a proactive compliance strategy built on several key pillars listed below.

- Supplier declarations confirming that PFAS substances are not intentionally used in the formulation of raw materials across our entire portfolio (including resins, masterbatches, and additives);
- No intentionally added PFAS substances (based on information from the suppliers of the raw materials from which the product was manufactured)
- Analytical testing for total fluorine conducted on selected products, with all results demonstrating levels significantly below the 50 ppm threshold.

These actions support the producers objective of ensuring compliance with current and upcoming regulatory requirements while maintaining product safety and reliability.

Budapest, 2026.08.03.