

# PFAS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



**Vegware Compostable Straw**  
has NO-ADDED PFAS



“**Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)** are chemicals that resist grease, oil, water, and heat. They are used in hundreds of products, and certain PFAS are also authorised for limited use in cookware, food packaging, and food processing equipment.

Individual PFAS can be very different. However, all have a carbon-fluorine bond, which is very strong and therefore, they do not degrade easily.

## Why we say ‘no added PFAS’

As we have already mentioned, PFAS has been used in so many items nowadays and is found at low levels in almost all places on Earth. To recognise this, compostability certifications allow a maximum of 100 parts per million. That’s why we say no PFAS added, not PFAS-free.

We are working to be accurate in our communications to help educate our customers. We haven’t added any PFAS in the making of our products – but we can’t control the possible low levels of PFAS already in the environment. So, claims of being ‘PFAS free’ may sound good but are not always accurate.

