

Draft Specification for Cookware and Bakeware

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Background

As part of their operations, New York State agencies may need to purchase cookware and bakeware to prepare meals at their facilities. While these items are necessary for daily operations, it should be noted that substances used as base materials or coatings in many items may transfer into foods during cooking and be harmful to human health. Additionally, the manufacturing, use, and disposal of some coatings may result in the release of compounds that have negative ecological impacts.

Due to the environmental and health impacts associated with cookware and bakeware items, this specification has been developed to help State agencies find more environmentally preferable alternatives.