



May 17, 2023

Product Advisory Notice

3M Personal Safety Division is notifying our distributors and end users of the following information related to certain products that were sold in New York between March 22, 2020, and November 17, 2022, depending on the product.

Please carefully review (i) the below “Product Advisory Notice,” (ii) the attached list of products covered by this Product Advisory Notice (Attachment 1); (iii) the attached Notice regarding “3M Personal Safety Products that may be used by Fire Service in the United States – Notice regarding Fluorinated Organic Compounds” (Attachment 2).

This Product Advisory Notice concerns New York General Business Law, Section 391-U, which states:

(a) A manufacturer or other person that sells firefighting personal protective equipment to any person, local government, or state agency must provide written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighting personal protective equipment contains PFAS chemicals. The written notice must include a statement that the firefighting personal protective equipment contains PFAS chemicals and the reason PFAS chemicals are added to the equipment.

(b) The manufacturer or person selling firefighting personal protective equipment and the purchaser of the equipment must retain the notice on file for at least three years from the date of the transaction.
See NY Gen Bus L § 391-U-2(5).

3M has identified certain products that may be subject to this notice requirement but were sold without this notice until November 17, 2022. This includes certain 3M respirators, including certain elastomeric and powered air purifying respirators, that were marketed for use by firefighters serving in non-firefighting roles such as emergency medical technicians (“EMTs”). Those products are identified in **Attachment 1**.¹ These respirators are not intended or suitable for use in structural firefighting activities. Out of an abundance of caution, 3M stopped marketing these respirators to the fire services from November 2022 to April 24, 2023.

Starting April 24, 2023 the Notice that is attached as **Attachment 2** has been provided on 3M-controlled sales channels.

¹ Customers that purchased certain 3M Scott self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) and related products potentially subject to the notice requirement at issue will be separately notified.

3M requests that distributors forward this notice to all customers who may have purchased or received the impacted products listed on Attachment 1 from March 2020 to November 2022.

3M continues to review and assess the potential applicability of this notice statute to the products that are subject of this notice.

For additional information about PFAS use in our products, please visit www.3M.com/PFAS.