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PFAS[t] and Furious: Racing To Comply With the New Reporting Rule

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Unpacking Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility Laws

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In this issue of the Perkins Coie Summer Sustainability Series, we outline the current regulatory process and stage for EPR packaging laws in the United States, highlights new developments, and identifies upcoming compliance responsibilities producers should be aware of.

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[Sustainability Advertising: US and EU Regulators Boost Guidance and Enforcement](#)

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[Navigating the PFAS Regulatory Landscape: Insights for Consumer Brands and Retailers](#)

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[Nature-Based Carbon Offsets—Race to Quality?](#)

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[Sustainability Trends and IP Issues for Fashion Brands](#)

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In this issue of the Perkins Coie Summer Sustainability Series, we discuss a few ecocentric trends and related intellectual property (IP) issues that fashion brands should consider to further their sustainability goals while preserving brand value.

[So, What Is Sustainable Investing Anyway?](#)

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[Upcycled Goods: How Fashion and Apparel Brands Can Promote Sustainability While Protecting Brand Value](#)

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The fashion industry is the world's second largest polluter behind big oil, and is responsible for around 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions. There are a number of contributing factors to this problem, ranging from "fast fashion"—a model based on producing low-cost garments intended to be worn only a handful of times—to disposal of luxury overstock merchandise.

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There has been much attention on Beijing's labor policies and practices toward the Uyghur Muslim population and other minority groups in China. Given that the western Xinjiang region is responsible for approximately one-fifth of the world's cotton supply, many industry players are finding compliance issues a challenge.

[2021 Summer Sustainability Series](#)

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This year's series will discuss topics including Chinese cotton and slave labor, key components of the circular economy, sustainability litigation, and advertising related to sustainable products and programs. It will also touch on how the sustainability discussion is moving beyond environmental components and expanding to address other elements of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria.

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[Brand Sustainability: Practical Considerations for Creating IP Enforcement Programs](#)

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[**Sustainable Apparel: Using Trademarks to Communicate Ecological Commitments**](#)

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Trademarks play an important role in marketing eco-friendly products and engendering consumer trust. This update highlights that role, potential pitfalls to avoid, and best practices to consider.

[**Investor Focus on Sustainability**](#)

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Companies across industries—from retail to high tech to financial services—are touting their sustainability initiatives to attract and retain customers and employees. But investors are similarly clamoring for regular reporting on corporate sustainability efforts and achievements. Particularly for public companies, investor-facing sustainability disclosures are a pressing concern.

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Consumers increasingly are aware of, and make value assessments and purchase decisions based on, the environmental and social impact of brands. Brands, in turn, are evaluating and embarking on sustainability programs.

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Brands continue to build their sustainability and environmental marketing programs in response to consumer demand. But it is easy to run afoul of state and federal regulations and to receive unwanted attention from regulators, competitors, and class action attorneys when engaging in eco-friendly marketing. This update highlights important pitfalls to avoid.

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