

France and the Netherlands make positive safety assessments of BPA

During November 2008, independent French and Dutch government agencies confirmed the recent opinion of the European Food Safety Authority and concluded that bisphenol A-based polycarbonate baby bottles are safe for use for babies and small children.

On 13 November 2008, the **French Food Safety Agency (AFSSA)** released a scientific opinion on the heating of polycarbonate baby bottles in microwaves. AFSSA concluded that such use does not justify any precautionary measures, and aligned itself with the recent scientific opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), which concluded that any exposure to bisphenol A from polycarbonate baby bottles poses no risk to infants and was well below the tolerable daily intake level (TDI).

On 6 November 2008, the **Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA)**, released a [newsletter](#), stating that baby bottles made from polycarbonate plastic do not release measurable concentrations of bisphenol A and therefore are safe to be used by babies and small children. This reaffirms the conclusion drawn by the VWA in 2005, where no measurable release of BPA was detected.

More information:

- See AFSSA 13 November 2008 press release (in French)
<http://www.afssa.fr/PM9100C3I0.htm>
- See AFSSA 24 October 2008 full opinion (in French)
<http://www.afssa.fr/Documents/MCDA2008sa0141.pdf>
- See VWA November 2008 newsletter (in Dutch)
http://www.vwa.nl/cdlpub/servlet/CDLServlet?p_file_id=31842
- See VWA original 2005 report (in English)
http://www.bisphenol-a.org/pdf/Dutch_Migration_Report_20051114.pdf

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