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**EFSA confirms former safety conclusion for BPA: the 2015 revised safety threshold remains unchanged**

Today, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) confirmed its formerly derived temporary tolerable daily intake (TDI) for Bisphenol A (BPA). In its last comprehensive evaluation of all scientific data on BPA in 2015, EFSA concluded, based on this TDI, that BPA *“poses no health risk to consumers”*.

In its opinion today, EFSA identified severe limitations of the two assessed studies of Menard et al. and concluded that they *“are too limited to draw any conclusions for human health”*. EFSA notes, as already included in their previous evaluation, some remaining uncertainties concerning the effect of BPA on the immune system. It should be underlined that the previous EFSA opinion of 2015 explicitly took remaining uncertainties into account by introducing an additional uncertainty factor when deriving the current TDI.

*“Given the clear results of today’s opinion by EFSA, the European Union can now move forward swiftly with the new draft regulation on BPA based on the EFSA opinion of 2015 – there should be no further delay,”* said Jasmin Bird of the PC/BPA Group. Furthermore industry notes that recent calls by the European Parliament for a ban of BPA in food contact materials are clearly disproportionate and unjustified given the opinion released today by EFSA.

Finally industry acknowledges EFSA’s confirmation of its former announcement for a further reevaluation of BPA as new scientific evidence is provided, specifically as the results of comprehensive studies, currently being driven by US authorities, are expected to be published in 2017.

Today’s EFSA opinion responds to the report from the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) on BPA, published on 3 March 2016. In the report, the RIVM, based specifically on two studies by Ménard et al, recommended that EFSA initiate a re-evaluation of the current European safety thresholds. These studies were unpublished at the time of EFSA’s last comprehensive evaluation of BPA in 2015 which concluded that BPA *“poses no health risk to consumers”*.

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