

## **EFSA: no causal link between BPA and heart disease and diabetes**

On 24 October 2008, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), issued its assessment of a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) on 16 September (Lang *et al.*, 2008). The widely-reported study had suggested a link between raised levels of urinary bisphenol A (BPA) and the increased occurrence of serious medical conditions, including heart disease and diabetes.

In its assessment, EFSA states that:

- ***“This single study does not provide sufficient proof for a causal link between exposure to BPA and the health conditions mentioned in the study, i.e. heart disease, diabetes and elevated liver-enzyme activities.”***
- ***“There is no need to revise the TDI [Tolerable Daily Intake] as derived by the [EFSA] AFC Panel in 2006.”***

The EFSA statement follows a request by the European Commission’s DG SANCO, issued on 29 September 2008, to assess the relevance of the JAMA study and its implications for hazard and risk assessment of BPA.

The opinion of EFSA is consistent with the conclusions of other national authorities in Europe. In September 2008, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) determined that the JAMA study provided no valid basis for any change to the present risk assessment for BPA.

These unequivocal conclusions from the foremost independent scientists in Europe re-confirm that BPA poses no risk to consumers or the environment in its intended uses. **Consumers can therefore continue to use BPA-based products with confidence.**

- See EFSA statement at:  
[www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa\\_locale-1178620753812\\_1211902145465.htm](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1211902145465.htm)
- For more information on BPA:  
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