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Bisphenol A (BPA) poses no health risk to consumers or the environment, says EU risk assessment

The new European Union (EU) risk assessment concludes that BPA-based materials such as polycarbonate or epoxy resins pose no risk. Consumers can continue to use BPA-based products with confidence.

The EU has confirmed that consumer products made from materials based on BPA are safe for consumers and the environment when used as intended.

BPA is used for the manufacture of polycarbonate plastic and epoxy resins, valuable materials found in a wide range of consumer and industrial products. The shatter-resistance, safety, clarity, and durability of polycarbonate plastic make it a material of choice for products as diverse as baby bottles, CDs, safety and other glasses, electrical and electronic equipment, drinking bottles, and even aircraft cockpit windows. Epoxy resins are used in a variety of applications in the electrical, electronics, transport, construction and aerospace industry. Food cans lined with epoxy based coatings contribute to the hygienic and safe conservation of food.

In the updated EU Risk Assessment Report on Bisphenol A (BPA), conducted by the European Commission and experts from the European Member States, the European Union has concluded that BPA does not pose a risk to consumers or to the environment.

This conclusion reconfirms the findings of the previous BPA Risk Assessment published in 2003. The new assessment takes into account the latest scientific information available relating to BPA and follows a comprehensive assessment process undertaken on BPA over the last 10 years.

The result of the EU's new risk assessment is consistent with scientific assessments of other international regulatory bodies including the US FDA, the Japanese authorities and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

For the details of the report please refer to the ECB website:
http://ecb.jrc.it/documents/Existing-Chemicals/RISK_ASSESSMENT/ADDENDUM/bisphenola_add_325.pdf

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