



To whom it may concern

As you know, Bayer MaterialScience (BMS) is a manufacturer of polycarbonate plastic, which is produced with Bisphenol A (BPA). BPA has been receiving significant media attention lately, but the basic facts about the chemical are unchanged. BMS is a member of PlasticsEurope and the American Chemistry Council (ACC) and supports the associations' position on Bisphenol A.

According to those:

BPA is one of the most extensively tested of all substances and has been used safely for more than 50 years. It is used to make tough, shatter-resistant polycarbonate plastic and versatile epoxy resins, both of which are used in a wide array of consumer products that we value and use every day.

The scientific evidence supporting the safety of BPA has been comprehensively examined by many government and scientific bodies worldwide in recent years. In every case, these assessments support the conclusion that Bisphenol A is not a risk to human health at the extremely low levels to which people might be exposed from use of products made from polycarbonate plastic or epoxy resins.

BPA is authorized as monomer for manufacturing of materials which are used in contact with food, like polycarbonate or epoxy resins.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has stated in April 2008 that: "Based on our ongoing review, we believe there is a large body of

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evidence that indicates that FDA-regulated products containing BPA currently on the market are safe and that exposure levels to BPA from food contact materials, including for infants and children, are below those that may cause health effects.”

The recent European Union’s Risk Assessment on BPA concluded only in 2008 that there **is no concern for the consumer using products based on materials made from BPA.**

The Canadian government announced on April 18, 2008 that, although it is focusing on the health of newborns and infants under 18 months, “The preliminary research tells us the general public need not be concerned. In general, **most Canadians are exposed to very low levels of Bisphenol A and it does not pose a significant health risk.**” In addition Health Canada clarified on their web site that **plastic containers made of polycarbonate like re-useable water bottles (sports bottles), pitchers, water carboys, tableware and food storage containers can be used safely.**

For your information, we have attached the following:

1. PlasticsEurope "Polycarbonate Food Contact Safety"
2. PlasticsEurope "Bisphenol A safety"

For additional information about Bisphenol A and its safety, please refer to the following Web sites:

www.bisphenol-a.org

www.factsonplastic.com

In addition, BMS is actively committed to the worldwide Responsible Care initiative. Within this approach BMS strives for continuous improvement in the fields of health, safety and the environment, including addressing product-related issues and their potential impacts at all stages of the product life cycle. For more information about the BMS commitment to Responsible Care, please visit www.bayer.com/en/responsible-care.aspx.

Safety is always Bayer’s primary concern. Please contact me if you would like to discuss the matter further.

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