



Statement

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CALIFORNIA EXPERT PANEL CONCLUDES BISPHENOL A IS NOT A REPRODUCTIVE OR DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICANT

The following statement can be attributed to Steven G. Hentges, Ph.D. of the American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Polycarbonate/BPA Global Group. Dr. Hentges' comments are in regard to the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA) public meeting of the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee held today that considered whether bisphenol A (BPA) should be added to the Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity.

ARLINGTON, VA (July 15, 2009) – “The American Chemistry Council (ACC) is pleased that a panel of independent scientific experts convened by the State of California concluded today that bisphenol A is not a reproductive or developmental toxicant. After a thorough review of the scientific evidence, the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee determined that bisphenol A should not be listed under California's Proposition 65.

“The Proposition 65 conclusion today that bisphenol A is not a reproductive or developmental toxicant is consistent with the consensus view of regulatory bodies around the world on the safety of bisphenol A. From the US and Canada, to Europe, Japan and Australia-New Zealand, at least eleven national regulatory bodies have recently reviewed the science and concluded that bisphenol A is safe for use in consumer products.

“ACC and its member companies have long-supported research to advance scientific understanding about chemicals and promote public health. We support the State of California's comprehensive chemical management efforts and today's decision that bisphenol A does not meet the criteria for listing under Proposition 65.”

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