

Switzerland confirms safety assessment of BPA

On 24 February 2009, the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health – *Bundesamt für Gesundheit* (BAG) – confirmed that the level of exposure to Bisphenol A (BPA) through food contact materials poses no risk to consumers, including newborns and infants.

As part of its opinion, BAG studied the scientific assessments of a number of food safety authorities across the world. In a consumer factsheet on BPA, BAG confirmed the previous conclusions of the European Food Safety Authority.

Specifically, the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health noted that any moves to prohibit Bisphenol A-based materials would inevitably drive manufacturers to turn towards other materials, which might not have undergone such extensive safety assessment.

More information:

- See BAG factsheet on BPA (in French)
<http://www.bag.admin.ch/themen/lebensmittel/04861/06170/index.html?lang=fr>
- See BAG factsheet on BPA (in German)
<http://www.bag.admin.ch/themen/lebensmittel/04861/06170/index.html?lang=de>

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