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One step closer towards adoption of new harmonised EU Commission Regulation for BPA following EU Parliament's Committee vote

The PC/BPA Group and the ERC of PlasticsEurope note that a large majority of the members of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety rejected today a Resolution that would have called for objecting the adoption of the proposed Commission Regulation on the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) in varnishes and coatings and in plastics intended to come into contact with food.

The new Regulation as proposed by the Commission will introduce a new, highly protective measure with a lowered Specific Migration Limit (SML) based on the most recent EFSA opinion. The regulation will first time cover all major food contact applications and additionally comprises precautionary elements for the protection of young children. In essence, it will ensure a higher level of consumer protection, and also help to regain consumer trust in EU regulation and restore the internal market.

"We welcome today's vote in the EU Parliament's Committee, says Jasmin Bird of the PC/BPA group of PlasticsEurope. "Swift adoption and implementation throughout the European Union of the new measure on BPA will be a positive science-based step to resolve the distortion of the Single Market, while, most importantly, maintaining a high level of consumer protection."

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