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EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY (EFSA) RECONFIRMS SAFE USE OF BISPHENOL A IN FOOD CONTACT PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 30, 2010) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement today in response to a European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) announcement about consumers and the safety of bisphenol A (BPA):

“For the third time since 2007, and as a result of a comprehensive review of more than 800 recent studies, EFSA has again confirmed that bisphenol A (BPA) is safe for use in products that come in contact with food,” said Steven G. Hentges, Ph.D., of the American Chemistry Council.

“Consumers around the world can be reassured that EFSA’s intense scientific scrutiny continues to reaffirm the safety of BPA in food contact applications, and again concludes that established safe intake levels for BPA provide a sufficient margin of safety for protection of consumers, including for infants and young children,” Hentges said.

About the EFSA Review

The ACC noted that this European review is consistent with many other regulatory agencies from around the world that have also reviewed the science of BPA, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

In this most recent assessment, the EFSA’s panel of expert scientists critically analyzed relevant scientific information on BPA, including numerous studies that examined low doses of BPA. EFSA also consulted with national experts from across Europe, as well as several international risk assessment authorities, including FDA and Health Canada. The Panel’s conclusions stated: “they could not identify any new evidence which would lead them to revise the current Tolerable Daily Intake for BPA of 0.05 mg/kg body weight set by EFSA in its 2006 opinion and re-confirmed in its 2008 opinion.” Recent studies from the U.S. CDC and Health Canada have shown that typical human exposure to BPA, from all sources, is more than 1,000 times lower than this safe intake level.

The full statement from EFSA can be reviewed at:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/cef100930.htm>

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