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European Commission's Scientific Committee on Food Confirms That Products Made with Bisphenol A Are Safe

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The European Commission's Scientific Committee on Food's (SCF) Opinion¹ confirms that food contact products made with bisphenol A (BPA) are, and remain, safe for their intended uses. Consumers can continue to use products made with BPA with confidence, knowing that they fully comply with the SCF's requirements.

The SCF is responsible for establishing the Tolerable Daily Intake (TDI) of materials that come into contact with food. After reviewing the most recent and robust data, which covers all aspects of toxicity, the SCF set the TDI at 0.01 mg/kg bodyweight. Recognising that industry is currently in the process of conducting further research, the Committee recommended the temporary TDI to be reviewed if data from this research changes significantly from existing studies. Industry remains confident that the current research will add to the weight of evidence that BPA is safe for intended uses. The SCF also noted that realistic worst-case estimates of consumer exposure via foodstuffs, ranging from 0.00048 mg/kg bw/day to 0.0016 mg/kg bw/day are well below this TDI.

The SCF Opinion confirms the position of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Japanese Ministry of Health and other national and international regulatory agencies who all conclude that food contact products made with BPA pose no risk to human health.

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¹ Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food on Bisphenol A (Expressed on 17 April 2002), ref. SCF/CS/PM/3936 Final – 3 May 2002 – http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scf/index_en.html



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