

Annie's Homegrown and Annie's Naturals Annie's, Inc.

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2014.01.09 Update:

Annie's is committed to providing great tasting foods with unsurpassed product quality and safety standards. Over the past couple of years, many of you have written to us expressing concerns about BPA in the lining of our canned pasta meals. Our cans, like any canned tomato based product, did have some BPA in the inner liner of the can, which prevented the acidic tomato sauce and pasta from reacting with and leaching to the metal cans. As a company committed to unsurpassed product quality and safety standards, we actively worked with our suppliers to find a can lining without BPA. Today we are excited to announce that we are transitioning to a new, non-BPA lined can, hopping onto store shelves now! As always, our top priority is provide you and your family with the best quality, great tasting natural & organic products.

Thanks again for your inquiry. We hope that you will continue to enjoy our products!

Sherrie

Consumer Relations Manager

Annie's, Inc.

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2009.11.05 Update:

Thank you for taking the time to reply to Annie's Homegrown about BPA. We are actively looking for alternatives. At this time, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved a BPA-free can for use with our type of tomato-based products.

Thanks again for your inquiry. We hope that you will continue to enjoy Annie's Homegrown products!

Best Regards,

Sherrie

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2008.10.23 Update:

Thank you for taking the time to contact Annie's Homegrown again. Annie's immensely values the relationship we have with our consumers. We are committed to providing great tasting, healthy foods with unsurpassed product quality and safety standards. This letter is to assure our consumers that we are aware of the recent reports and controversy regarding the use of BPA in some food containers and are diligently researching alternatives.

Bisphenol A has been used in the production of certain plastics and resins for many years. Some examples are polycarbonate, a clear, rigid light-weight plastic often used for reusable beverage bottles, and protective epoxy coatings that line food and drink cans. Annie's has reviewed all of the packaging materials used on our products and confirmed that the only items that use BPA are Annie's Homegrown canned Pasta Meals:

Cheesy Ravioli, UPC 0 13562 31302 0
All Stars, UPC 0 13562 30066 2
BernieO's, UPC 0 13562 30065 5
Arthur Loops, UPC 0 13562 31300 6
P'sghetti Loops, UPC 0 13562 31301 3

BPA has been used safely in the manufacture of products for years and fully complies with U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other stringent health regulators in the European Union and Japan, however we are committed to finding an alternate option. We know that some cans are available without BPA, but unfortunately not for our type of tomato-based products. BPA is needed in the lining of the cans to prevent the tomato sauce and pasta from reacting with and leaching the metal in the cans.

We are working closely with our vendors and supply partners to find a can lining without BPA. We are also exploring other package options like glass jars and microwaveable polypropylene trays that might work for our pasta meals.

If you would like more information we suggest the following Web links:

European Food Safety Authority study -
www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press_room/press_release/pr_bpa.html
American Chemistry Council - www.bisphenol-a.org
Environmental Protection Agency - www.epa.gov/endocrine/about.html
American Council on Science and Health - www.acsh.org/search/home_result.asp

Thanks again for your inquiry. We hope that you will continue to enjoy Annie's Homegrown products!

Best regards,

Carrie
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Their Statement to us 2008:

Thank you for taking the time to call Annie's Homegrown. At Annie's, the safety of our consumers is always our top priority, and we have rigorous testing and quality standards for our delicious natural and organic products. We follow all FDA and USDA regulations, and use approved packing components for all of our items.

While the lining in our cans does contain Bisphenol A (BPA), our products have been tested and do not contain higher than acceptable levels of this component, according to FDA standards. We are diligently working with industry partners to find alternatives to this packaging material. We are aware of the article posted in Organic Consumers Association and have already begun to further investigate this issue.

Thanks again for your inquiry. It's people like you who make Annie's Homegrown a better company!

Best regards,

Rani
Consumer Relations Associate
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