

# Native Forest

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### Their Statement to us 2008.10.24:

Thank you for writing. We are still in the investigation phase of this issue. Our research confirms that BPA is indeed present in most epoxy polymers that are routinely used in many baby bottles, as well as the linings of tin cans, jar lids, and other types of packaging. The Los Angeles Times has called it "one of the world's most widely used industrial compounds." There is hot debate over its widespread use due to animal studies that show it can disrupt normal hormone activity in some circumstances, but the scientific evidence of a human health risk is less than conclusive. For example, a two-year risk assessment of BPA conducted by NSF International, an independent not-for-profit organization devoted to consumer affairs, was published in February's edition of the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health. The risk assessment rejected the research claiming a risk to humans from BPA. See <http://www.nsf.org/consumer/newsroom/pdf/BisphenolA.pdf> for more details.

The United States and European Union have set strict migration standards for BPA, and reputable packaging manufacturers observe these standards. However some customers have expressed concern that government standards may not be sufficient for their comfort. While there is no consensus within the scientific community on the safety of BPA, we are concerned enough by the possibility of a hazard to investigate alternatives. As such, we have been guiding our packing facilities to seek and select cans employing, more suitable lining material. The search for alternatives is slow going as BPA is currently incorporated in so many different food-grade linings. Some packaging suppliers have told us they will be able to offer BPA-free cans, and we are reviewing their documentation of analysis and testing protocol in an effort to verify their information. Once we confirm the superiority of the replacement lining material we will direct our packing locations to utilize the preferred cans. This is a work in process, and we appreciate your interest and support.

For an informative and unbiased review of the issue, please see:  
[http://stats.org/stories/2008/why\\_journal\\_failing\\_plastics\\_may6\\_08.html](http://stats.org/stories/2008/why_journal_failing_plastics_may6_08.html)

Sincerely,  
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