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Simply Asia Foods

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Their Statement to us 2008.5.9:

Bisphenol A (BPA) is chemical) for use along with other chemicals in the production of certain plastics and resins which is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for food contact. Some examples of the products are polycarbonate, a clear, rigid, light-weight plastic used for beverage bottles and protective epoxy coatings that line the inside of food and drink cans. These protective coatings help maintain the safety and quality of canned foods, by preventing the contents from reacting with the metal that forms the can.

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Recently, concern has been raised regarding the safety of BPA. This is based on some studies which show migration of the chemical, under certain conditions. These conditions include the product in the container being a liquid. Heating the liquids is also a concern. The levels observed have not exceeded any governmental standards. And conclusions of comprehensive evaluations of the safety of Bisphenol A conducted by independent government and scientific bodies worldwide have, in every case, supported the safe use.

All of the containers McCormick and Co. Inc. uses for products comply with the standards for food contact packaging.

McCormick and Co. Inc. is committed to maintaining the safety of our products. This includes the utilization of safe packaging materials to protect the product.

Thank you and have a great day!

Chris
Consumer Relations
Simply Asia Foods

2008.10.27 Update:

Thank you for taking the time to contact us. It was so thoughtful of you to pay us a compliment. We always appreciate hearing from our loyal consumers.

We are glad you enjoy using our Coconut Milk. Bisphenol A is a chemical for use along with other chemicals in the production of certain plastics and resins which is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for food contact. Some examples of the products are polycarbonate, a clear rigid, light weight plastic used for beverage bottles and protective epoxy coatings that line the inside of food and drink cans. These protective coatings help maintain the safety and quality of canned goods, by preventing the contents from reacting with the metal that forms the can.

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All of the containers Simply Asia Foods LLC uses comply with the standards for food contact packaging. If we can be of further assistance please call 1-800-967-8424. We appreciate your patronage.

Best Regards,

Mary Lepley
Consumer Affairs Specialist

2009.11.12 Update:

As a company we must follow the guidelines set forth by the Food & Drug Administration. We have numerous professionals out to gather all of the information on the subject the safety of BPA. Currently, we are working with our manufacturer to develop a BPA free can. We also have to guard against seepage, and other food issues related to canned goods. Overall, consumer safety and scientific evidence are measured when we make our decisions, as well as federal guidelines.

Below is more information on the subject that may be helpful to you at the store. Our consumers are our number one priority and we are working on the concerns surrounding this issue. Please feel free to call me if you need more assistance at 1800-967-8424.

IFIC FOOD SAFETY & DEFENSE COMMITTEE . . .

As a follow up to the current Consumer Reports article on canned goods and BPA we have provided a few items and strategies for response. First we created a blog post “BPA in Canned Goods: Can We Live with It?” in response to the Consumer Reports piece which is posted on the IFIC web site at:

<http://www.foodinsight.org/Blog/tabid/60/EntryId/191/BPA-in-Canned-Goods-Can-We-Live-With-It.aspx>

Feel free to use and / or reference this blog posting in the development of your internal communications. It focuses on the benefits of current food packaging technology in the context of food safety.

Additionally, we referred IFIC expert Joseph Hotchkiss to a media inquiry received from NBC Nightly News. NBC Nightly News was looking for someone to respond to the Consumer Reports piece and we were able to connect Joe with the NBC News staff. We do hope NBC will use the expertise of Joe in their segment. Joseph Hotchkiss recently took the position of Director, Packaging Department at Michigan State University and is well positioned to provide expert perspective on this issue.

STATS has also responded publicly by posting the article “Consumer Reports BPA study filled with factual errors” on their web site. The article written by Trevor Butterworth and looks at the inaccuracies listed in the Consumer Reports article.

The STATS piece is posted at:

http://www.stats.org/stories/2009/Consumer_reports_false_on_BPA_nov2_09.html

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