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Subject: NIF 2015/4010 – BPA Law in France / Pre-closure letter

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your complaint of 25 March 2013, which is being treated under the above reference number.

In November 2015 the Commission adopted the roadmap for a "Proposal for a new measure on bisphenol A (BPA) in food contact materials¹." The twin objectives of the initiative are those of securing a consistent and high level of protection for human health and the interest of consumers in the EU while ensuring the functioning of the internal market and the absence of unjustified barriers to trade.

More specifically the initiative looks to:

- Ensure that there is no burden on market operators from diverging laws from different Member States in relation to the placing on the market of food contact materials that contain BPA;
- Fulfil the legal obligations laid down in Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004;
- Provide legal certainty to actors in the supply chain concerning the use of BPA in food contact materials;
- Help to provide a regulatory environment for businesses to concentrate their resources towards innovation and sustainability, particularly those within the food contact material manufacturing chain;

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/roadmaps/docs/2015_sante_534_bpa_measure_en.pdf

- Ensure that a level of risk management is applied to the use of BPA in food contact materials which is appropriate and consistent with current specific EU rules;
- Reinforce consumer confidence and trust in the safety of food contact materials on the EU market.

In view of the degree of interest in this particular issue, the Commission will continue to engage with all interested parties including EU Member States, third countries, industry and consumer organisations.

In the light of this initiative, the Commission services intend to close this file. However, should you have any new information of relevance that could lead us to change that position, we would be grateful to receive it at your earliest convenience and at any rate within four weeks of this letter, after which date we may close the case.

The Commission reserves in any case the possibility to reassess the situation at hand if new problems arise.

Yours sincerely,



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