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HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Deputy Director General for the Food Chain

Brussels,
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Dear Ms Geslain-Lanéelle,

Subject: Evaluation of the scientific basis of the Belgian ban of Bisphenol A

On 4 September the Belgian Federal Parliament adopted a law in which they forbid the trade or the placing on the market and the manufacturing of containers for food for children between of the age limits of 0 to 3 years and containing Bisphenol A (see attached). On 7 November the Belgian authorities notified the law under the safeguard procedure set out in Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004. The Belgian authorities provided the attached risk assessment of the Belgian Superior Health Council from November 2010 as scientific basis for its ban.

EFSA is currently on its own initiative re-evaluating Bisphenol A taking account of the new scientific information which became available since 2010. The publication of the opinion is planned for May 2013.

I would like to ensure that this re-evaluation is addressing also the points of uncertainty raised in the risk assessment of the Belgian Superior Health Council which provides grounds for their conclusion that the use of a food contact material or article containing Bisphenol A endangers the health of children up to 3 years old and should be reduced as low as possible.

In view of this new element I would like your confirmation that the point will be addressed in the opinion and that the opinion will be published in May 2013 as foreseen.

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My services remain at your disposal for further information. On this matter you can contact [REDACTED] who is responsible for this dossier in Unit E6 Sustainability and Innovation and [REDACTED] who is the relevant contact point in the Unit 03 in charge of science and stakeholder relations. Their respective phones and email addresses are indicated below.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: Belgian law
CSS risk assessment