

## Polycarbonate/Bisphenol A group

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Dear Ms. Chaze, [REDACTED]

We would like to express our appreciation for taking the time to meet with representatives of PlasticsEurope on 17 March to discuss the latest developments regarding Bisphenol A (BPA), following the finalisation of the opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in January 2015.

Following our discussion, we would re-emphasize our conviction that a science-based approach is the only basis for the regulation of chemical substances in Europe. Any approach that deviates from this would be ultimately detrimental to the protection of consumers and, in the long run, would undermine the credibility of established EU processes and authorities, including EFSA.

The outcome of the EFSA opinion was unequivocal – BPA-based food contact materials pose no health risk to consumers of any age group. In this regard, whilst we appreciate the general need for information about Bisphenol A and its alternatives, EFSA's conclusions mean that the availability (or not) of alternatives to BPA is irrelevant, and should not be an impediment in the preparation of a clear and proportionate communication or measure that appropriately responds to the conclusions of the EFSA opinion.


Such a communication from the European Commission is urgently needed given the uncertainty and confusion in the marketplace caused by the contradiction between the detailed and robust opinion of EFSA, and the unjustified, and seemingly un-challenged, regulatory actions being taken by certain member states including France. An immediate and decisive response by the European Commission in this regard is critical in order to restore certainty and provide the investment climate that businesses need in order to make ongoing and long-term material decisions.

The current uncertainty has already been responsible for significant and unwarranted de-selection of polycarbonate by certain customers. Further de-selection and resulting market damage will only be perpetuated and deepened by the lack of a robust confirmation of the safety of BPA by the European Commission. Such a communication or measure would give business the investment confidence to continue to use, respectively to switch back to, polycarbonate without having any concerns about the safety of this well-tested substance.

Once again, we would like to express our gratitude for the open and constructive meeting with you.  
We look forward to your response and remain open for further dialogue on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Dr.   
Chairperson of the PC/BPA-group