



JAPANESE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FINDS LITTLE RISK FROM BPA

National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) Scientific Review Confirms International Scientific Findings on Bisphenol A

Washington, D.C. (August 31, 2011): A comprehensive investigative review of all scientific studies on bisphenol A (BPA) conducted in Japan characterized possible risks from BPA exposure as “very small.” The report was prepared by the Research Institute of Science for Safety and Sustainability (RISS), a division of AIST, a publicly funded research organization that conducts risk and hazard assessments of chemicals. The Japanese hazard assessment further strengthens the global consensus of food safety agencies and toxicologists that BPA is safe as currently used in food and beverage packaging.

“This comprehensive review by Japanese scientists is significant and should provide reassurance to those in the United States seeking legislative action on BPA that such restrictions are scientifically unjustified,” said Dr. John Rost, Chairman of NAMPA. “It joins similar reviews by the World Health Organization (WHO), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), and Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) -- a global consensus -- all confirming BPA is safe.”

Scientists at RISS reviewed studies published after 2005 to update their previous hazard assessment, published in 2005. The review included an assessment of published, peer-reviewed studies of reproductive toxicity, neurotoxicity, and carcinogenicity from BPA exposure. This review, like the 2005 review, found that current uses of BPA pose very little risk to consumers.

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