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NAMPA Says Review Of Science On BPA Answers Questions Raised By NTP In 2008

New Paper Highlights Scientific Advancements on BPA

Washington, D.C. (August 6, 2013) -- A newly published review of the latest scientific research on Bisphenol A (BPA) demonstrates how far science has advanced since a 2008 National Toxicology Program (NTP) report, according to the North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA). Published online in *Food and Chemical Toxicology*, the summary of current literature on BPA should help to allay concerns raised nearly five years ago when the NTP found “some concern” for BPA effects on the brain and behavior in infants and children at current exposures and called for more research to address needed improvements in study design and methodology.

Since 2008, multiple research studies on BPA have been conducted; many designed to address critical questions raised in the report issued by the NTP’s Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (NTP-CERHR). The research includes three pharmacokinetic studies of people and test animals, and two studies on the neurobehavioral effects of BPA. In their review of this body of work, “Bisphenol A: Update on Newly Developed Data and How They Address NTP’s 2008 Finding of ‘Some Concern’,” the authors conclude that the findings of these studies likely would have been sufficient for NTP to find BPA of minimal concern.

“What this paper is telling us is that if the panel at the National Toxicology Program had the benefit of these studies five years ago, many of the questions raised would have been answered,” stated Dr. John M. Rost, Chairman of NAMPA. “The results of this body of scientific work on BPA is so significant, it would likely have led NTP to conclude that BPA is of minimal or negligible concern. This view is consistent with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s recent update to its ‘Questions & Answers on Bisphenol A (BPA) Use in Food Contact Applications,’ which clearly describes BPA as being safe in food contact applications.”

The article can be accessed online at:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S027869151300210X>.

The FDA Q&A page is available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/IngredientsPackagingLabeling/FoodAdditivesIngredients/ucm355155.htm>.



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