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New report on Bisphenol A (BPA) cautions that ban in babies' bottles is not enough

A report released today by CHEM Trust¹ calls for the European Union to take much greater steps to control human exposure to the highly controversial chemical BPA.

Yesterday, after a meeting of The Standing Committee on Food Chain and Animal Health (SCoFCAH), the European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Affairs, Mr Dalli, announced a ban of BPA in babies' bottles that will come into force in 2011. However the CHEM Trust report entitled *The Concerns about Bisphenol A (BPA) and recommendations for Action*, by Gwynne Lyons, Director of CHEM Trust, calls for much greater measures to be taken.

BPA is used in many consumer products including the lining of food and drinks cans, paper till receipts, computer and phone casings, the lenses of glasses and white dental sealants, to name but a few. This means that there is widespread constant exposure to this chemical particularly in food, and also perhaps via absorption through the skin and inhalation of dust.

BPA is a known hormone disrupting chemical (gender bender) and has been linked to many worrying health conditions including reproductive problems, effects on brain function, altered immunity, diabetes, obesity and cancer.

Gwynne Lyons, author of the report and CHEM Trust Director stated:

“This is a very welcome small step in the right direction, but it does nothing to reduce the exposure of unborn children in the womb, who are particularly vulnerable to the effects of hormone disrupting chemicals”.

“CHEM Trust is today launching its Position Paper calling for further legislative action to reduce the exposure of pregnant women. The Commission's action to ban BPA in baby bottles is window dressing, rather than putting the whole house in order”.

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