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**Re: Opinion on BPA EFSA-Q-2010-00709, EFSA-Q-2009-00864**

Dear Ms. Testori Coggi,

As I informed you by phone today, the Panel on Food Contact Materials, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF) did not adopt the opinion related to Bisphenol A. At its Plenary meeting of July 6-8, the Panel discussed a very comprehensive opinion on BPA which consisted of four parts:

1. The evaluation of the study investigating the neurodevelopmental toxicity of Bisphenol A (BPA) in rats (Stump 2009);
2. a review of the scientific literature on BPA toxicity;
3. Advice on the Danish risk assessment of BPA of March 2010;
4. Overall conclusions.

For the literature review, the Panel had retrieved more than 800 publications and the screening process took considerably more time than was anticipated. The Panel spent most of the time at the Plenary discussing the various chapters of the review and there was insufficient time to finalise and adopt the full opinion.

In general, the Panel agreed in its deliberations to date that the TDI for BPA would remain the same (0.05 mg/kg bw per day). However, some suggestion was made to convert the TDI into a temporary-TDI. At the same time, the Panel identified areas of uncertainty, which merit further consideration before any conclusion can be made.

As far as the Stump study is concerned (which was the scientific basis for the Danish ban of BPA in materials in contact with food for children aged 0-3 years), the Panel considered that it does not provide evidence of BPA affecting neurobehavioural endpoints included in the study design. Therefore this study does not necessitate a change in the TDI for BPA. The Panel in its deliberations ruled out the possibility of a low dose effect on learning ability, as expressed in the risk assessment of the Danish DTU Food Institute.

The CEF Panel will be working through the summer via telemeetings to finalise the full opinion and is scheduled to meet in an extraordinary Plenary in September to adopt this opinion.

We remain at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,



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