



**DEL MONTE FOODS**

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March 13, 2012

The Honorable Edward Markey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

We received your letter dated March 6, 2012 inquiring about the use of BPA in our metal food packaging containers. Del Monte Foods' top priority is the quality and safety of our products. For more than 40 years, BPA has been approved by the FDA – as well as other global regulatory agencies – for use in food contact applications, and can coatings containing BPA have played an essential part in food preservation.

Like most in the industry, the metal cans we use have protective coatings which contain trace amounts of BPA. Our products packed in plastic packaging do not contain BPA and we do not produce beverage or baby food products. Our products provide nutritious, healthy fruit and vegetable options for all consumers, but are not marketed to children.

Del Monte is constantly evolving to meet the needs and preferences of our consumers. In response to growing consumer and customer preference, we are working closely with can manufacturers and suppliers to explore BPA-free can lining alternatives. In fact, we have already transitioned to BPA-free linings for some of our tomato, vegetable and fruit products where the new linings have been proven safe and effective.

Given the critical safety role that can linings play, any replacement for BPA must first pass rigorous safety and quality testing before we will accept it for use in our products.

If you have further questions regarding this issue, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2012

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
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Dear Congressman Markey,

Thank you for your letter to Heinz Chairman, President and CEO, William Johnson, dated March 6, 2012 in which you requested detailed information on the Bisphenol A (BPA) content in the packaging of food and beverage products manufactured by Heinz.

Heinz has been recognized for our leadership in moving to alternative materials that are BPA-free and the Company does not manufacture or sell any baby food or beverages in the U.S. Additionally, our can use is very limited and we have been assured by our suppliers that there is no BPA in any plastic containers we use.

Heinz has been a leader in food safety ever since our founder started the company in 1869 and we remain strongly committed to providing safe high quality products to all consumers.

Sincerely,

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Michael Mullen



The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
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March 13, 2012

Dear Representative Markey,

Roll Law Group PC is the legal services provider to Roll Global LLC and its affiliated portfolio of operating companies, including POM Wonderful LLC, FIJI Water Company LLC, and Paramount Citrus LLC and its affiliates (“Paramount Citrus”).

In response to your March 6, 2012 letter of inquiry (attached), I offer the following responses:

1. Not applicable.
2. Not applicable.
3. POM Wonderful LLC, which produces POM Wonderful Pomegranate Juice, a beverage product, does not currently use BPA in the plastic containers of its beverage products.  
FIJI Water Company LLC, which produces FIJI Water, a beverage product, does not currently use BPA in the plastic containers of its beverage products.
4. Not applicable.
5. Paramount Citrus sells two varieties of mandarins (Clementine Mandarins and W. Murcott Mandarins) through the Cuties Clementine Cooperative. The Cuties Clementine Cooperative markets this product to children younger than age 12 under the Cuties brand. BPA is not used in the packaging of this product. The aforementioned fruit comprises approximately 30-35% of the citrus that Paramount Citrus will produce in the 2011-2012 season (November to May).

Please let me know if there is any additional information you need on this matter.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2011

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
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Dear Congressman Markey:

Thank you for your recent correspondence on the chemical bisphenol A, known as “BPA.” We are well aware of growing consumer concerns, as well as, global governmental and regulatory activities mitigating the possible health impacts that exposure to BPA may cause. We appreciate and commend your desire to understand the safety and uses of BPA.

Diamond Foods is committed to providing safe and nutritious baking and snack food products to our customers and our consumers. We do not produce beverages or baby food. While we are a relatively small food company with less than \$1.0 billion in revenue, collaborating with our suppliers to eliminate BPA from virtually all of our packaging is a priority for Diamond Foods. We do, however, have one item on our product list that uses a metal container with a protective coating which meets all FDA limits. This item, which has minimal sales, is marketed solely to institutional customers rather than directly to consumers.

As you know, the FDA is currently undertaking a scientific review of the safety of BPA in food contact products and has published numerous peer-reviewed studies from their ongoing research. We look forward to working with you and others in government in the future on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2012

The Honorable Ed Markey  
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Dear Representative:

This is in reference to your letter of March 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the use of bisphenol-A (“BPA”) in the epoxy resins of certain food packaging.

BPA is widely used in metal food packaging, including cans and metal lids, to help preserve and protect food and maintain its nutritional value and quality. We believe that current can packaging is one of the safest options in the world. However, we recognize that there’s been some debate over the use of BPA. The trust we’ve earned from consumers for over 140 years is paramount to us. Because of this, we have begun to discontinue our use of BPA.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, I emailed your office to inform you that we have “already started using alternatives to BPA in some of our soup packaging, and we’re working to phase out the use of BPA in the linings of all of our canned products.” We do not use BPA in our non-metal packaging.

We are committed to completing the transition as soon as feasible, using alternatives to BPA coatings that meet the most rigorous scientific and safety standards that are set by the FDA and to which we have always adhered. This is a complex challenge for the industry, so at this time, we cannot provide a specific date for when the transition will be completed across the portfolio. We are also unable to provide at this time the percentage of our canned products now on store shelves that contain or do not contain BPA.

We are happy to try to answer any other questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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*Since 1897*

March 12, 2012

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Markey:

Thank you for the recent inquiry regarding Bisphenol A (BPA). For more than 110 years, consumer safety and product quality have been of paramount importance to The J.M. Smucker Company. Our products are manufactured using strict quality control procedures that meet or exceed all applicable government and industry standards.

We have closely monitored reports regarding BPA. While we recognize BPA is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in food contact applications, we understand there are ongoing consumer concerns about the safety of BPA. For this reason we are reviewing BPA alternative packaging for all of our products.

In fact, our proactive effort to identify BPA alternatives began more than four years ago when we requested all of our packaging suppliers seek out BPA alternatives in the packaging they provide to us. As a result, all of our plastic packaging is now made with BPA alternatives.

However, as you know, alternatives to BPA exist only on a limited basis for can linings and metal closures. Our metal packaging and metal closures for our glass packaging include BPA-derived protective liners that serve to preserve the freshness and assure the food safety of those products. We are working closely with our packaging suppliers and have begun testing alternatives. These alternatives have not yet been proven to provide the product protection necessary to ensure the integrity and quality of our products. In some cases, the alternatives to BPA have not been completely developed and tested by the packaging industry and we will not replace packaging before we are confident in the performance and safety of the alternative.

While we continue to pursue BPA alternatives for these packages, without viable alternatives it is difficult to determine when replacement packaging could possibly be produced.

We will continue to closely monitor this issue and work with our packaging suppliers to identify BPA alternatives.

Thank you for your inquiry and please be assured that we will continue to manufacture the safe and high quality products our consumers expect from our Company.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 2012

Congressman Edward J. Markey  
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Dear Congressman Markey:

As a leading manufacturer and marketer of consumer-branded food products, Hormel Foods maintains the highest commitment to food safety and quality standards for our customers. Food safety is the number one priority for Hormel Foods, and our food packaging systems are specifically designed, evaluated and validated using only FDA approved materials to provide safe and wholesome foods to our consumers. Bisphenol A (BPA) is used as a component in can coatings to maintain the safety, quality and flavor of food products by protecting the integrity of the packaging system during processing, storage and distribution.

Although the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, the European Food Safety Authority and the European Chemical Bureau of the European Union have all approved the use of this compound for food packaging, we are aware that the FDA has recently expressed interest regarding the use of BPA in cans. In response, Hormel Foods is actively exploring alternative can coatings with our suppliers that are BPA-free. Validating the safety and functionality of alternative coatings is a very time-consuming process that is dependent upon many factors. Hormel's Research & Development scientists are collaborating with our suppliers to evaluate BPA-free alternatives in a cautious, but deliberate manner. However, to date, we have not qualified any alternative coatings that are 100% BPA-free.

**1. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned food products (including, but not limited to, vegetables, fruits, fish/meat and pasta)?**

Yes, for more than 60 years, BPA has been used as a component in the containers used to provide our customers the highest level of safe, quality and nutritious foods.

**2. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned beverage products, including any beverages marketed to children younger than the age of 12?**

No.

**3. Does your company currently use BPA in the plastic container of packaged food or beverage products?**

No.

**4. What percentage of your company's canned food and/or beverage containers are lined or constructed with the substance that contain BPA?**

There are currently no suitable alternatives available on the market for our product lines.

**5. Please list any category of canned or other packaged food or beverage products (i.e., vegetables, fruits, fish/meats, pasta, foods marketed to children younger than age 12, beverages marketed to children younger than age 12 or any category not listed) where BPA is not used in the packaging of the product. For each such category, please indicate what percentage of your company's Beverage products are comprised of each category.**

100 percent of our products marketed to children under 12 do not contain BPA.

Sincerely,



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March 15, 2012

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
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RE: Letter of March 6, 2012

Dear Congressman Markey,

Your letter of March 6, 2012 to Randy Papadellis, CEO of Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., has been forwarded to me for response. Ocean Spray understands your desire to better understand the safety and uses of BPA.

At Ocean Spray, food safety and quality are a top priority. Ocean Spray takes the responsibility to protect its consumers very seriously, and the health and safety of all Ocean Spray products is of utmost concern. All Ocean Spray packaging processes meet current FDA regulations, and we closely monitor any health or safety concerns and developments carefully.

BPA is a key ingredient of the epoxy resins used in metal and plastic food packaging to prevent spoilage and contamination. BPA has been reviewed repeatedly by food safety authorities worldwide and been found to be safe. FDA's position on the current safety of BPA concurs with the European Food Safety Authority, Health Canada, the United Kingdom Food Standards Agency, the German Federal Institute of Risk Assessment, the Food Standards Australia New Zealand, and the Japanese Ministry of Health, which have studied BPA within the last few years. Each agency concluded that BPA is safe for use in approved food contact applications.

To address recent controversy regarding BPA, FDA is currently undertaking a scientific review of the safety of BPA in food contact products and has published numerous peer-reviewed studies from their ongoing research. Collectively, these new studies provide additional strong support for FDA's current view that BPA is safe for use in food contact products.

Based on the above, Ocean Spray continues to believe that BPA is safe. Ocean Spray will continue to monitor industry reports and developments, agency findings and any changes in BPA regulation. In addition, we will continue to participate in discussions with the industry and regulatory bodies regarding any potential BPA alternatives available.

Sincerely,

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Geoffrey Woolford, PhD  
Vice President, Research and Development



March 20, 2012

The Honorable Edward Markey  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Markey:

Thank you for letter, dated March 6, 2012, regarding the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in food and beverage packaging. We understand and appreciate your concerns. In light of increasing attention to this issue over the past few years, Dean Foods conducted a thorough review of all our packaging. Among our entire family of products, only whipped aerosol product packaging contains tiny amounts of BPA. The packaging used for these aerosol cans, like every other aerosol can in the country and many other canned food products, contains trace amounts of BPA.

These products represent a small fraction of the products produced and marketed by Dean Foods. No other Dean Foods product packaging, including fresh fluid milk, ice cream, soymilk and cultured products, contains BPA.

Studies around the world have shown BPA to be safe at the level used in aerosol can packaging. However, Dean Foods takes this issue seriously and is concerned about how consumers view BPA in packaging. For the last few years, Dean Foods has been conducting and supporting research to identify alternatives. Working with our supplier, we are evaluating BPA-free packaging that is commercially feasible and can maintain product and packaging integrity during storage, shipping and use.

Sincerely,

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March 27, 2012

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Re: Response to March 6, 2012 Letter

Dear Representative Markey:

This responds to your letter of March 6, 2012 to Nestlé USA, Inc. in which you requested certain information relating to the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in the lining of metal food and beverage containers. Brad Alford, Chairman and CEO of Nestlé USA, has asked me to respond on behalf of Nestlé USA which includes the following U.S. Nestlé companies: Nestlé USA, Inc.<sup>1</sup>, Nestlé Prepared Foods Company<sup>2</sup>, and Nestlé Dreyer's Ice Cream Company ("Nestlé").

Nestlé appreciates your desire to better understand the safety of current uses of BPA in food packaging. As you know, BPA is a key ingredient of the epoxy resins used in metal and plastic food packaging to help prevent spoilage and contamination. BPA has been reviewed repeatedly by food safety authorities worldwide and been found to be safe for use in packaging. FDA's position on the current safety of BPA concurs with food safety authorities in other countries, including the European Food Safety Authority, Health Canada, the United Kingdom Food Standards Agency, the German Federal Institute of Risk Assessment, the Food Standards Australia New Zealand, and the Japanese Ministry of Health. Each of these agencies has studied BPA within the last few years and each concluded that BPA is safe for use in approved food contact applications.

To address the recent interest regarding BPA, FDA is currently undertaking a scientific review of the safety of BPA in food contact products and has published numerous peer-reviewed studies from their ongoing research. Collectively, these new studies provide additional strong support for FDA's current view that BPA is safe for use in food contact products.

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<sup>1</sup> Nestlé USA, Inc. includes the following business divisions: Beverage, Confections, Baking, Nestlé Professional, Emerging Markets, and Nestlé Pizza.

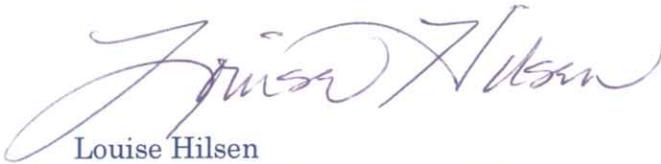
<sup>2</sup> Nestlé Prepared Foods Company includes the following business divisions: Frozen, Hand-Held Foods, Buitoni, and Joseph's Gourmet Pasta.

Notwithstanding these determinations that BPA is safe for food contact use, some jurisdictions have implemented restrictions, or in some cases, bans on BPA in packaging that will become effective in the near future. As such, Nestlé has undertaken action, on a global basis, to replace all packaging with added BPA with alternative packaging. This action was not taken because BPA used in current packaging presents a public health risk. Rather, the action is due to the changing consumer perceptions about BPA and the potential restrictions on the use of BPA used in packaging.

In connection with the global initiative, Nestlé has been working with packaging suppliers to identify safe and suitable alternative packaging. Food safety is our top priority and before packaging changes are made we must confirm that the potential alternatives do not compromise product quality or food safety. Nestlé has made significant progress in identifying alternatives for many products and we have either completed the change to alternative packaging or are in the process of confirming the change. In some limited cases involving certain types of foods (e.g., high acid foods in metal containers), the time table for the change has been extended due to challenges in identifying suitable alternatives that do not compromise food safety.

Please feel free to contact me at (202) 756-2491 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Louise Hilsen  
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March 29, 2012

Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Member, House of Representatives  
Congress of the United States  
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Dear Representative Markey:

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 6, 2012 to Mr. Stefan Kozak, Chief Executive Officer, Red Bull North America inquiring as to the use of plastic coatings containing bisphenol A (BPA) in the lining of metal food and beverage containers.

Red Bull places high standards on the quality of our packaging and attaches great importance to packaging safety. The producer of our beverage packaging uses only materials which adhere to all current legal requirements in the markets within which we do business.

In specific response to your questions:

**1. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned food products?**

*We do not produce any canned food products.*

**2. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned beverage products, including any beverages marketed to children younger than age 12?**

*The internal coating of the beverage cans contain BPA. As a member of the American Beverage Association, we do not market our products to children younger than 12 years of age and we voluntary choose to not sell any of our products in elementary, middle or secondary schools.*

**3. Does your company currently use BPA in the plastic container of packaged food or beverage products?**

*No, we are not using plastic containers for food or beverage products in the United States.*

**4. What percentage of your company's canned food and/or beverage containers are lined or constructed with substances that contain BPA?**

*The internal coatings of all of our beverage cans are the same. Our beverage can supplier confirms that these coatings are manufactured in accordance with all relevant European and the U.S. food law.*

**5. Please list any category of canned or other packaged food or beverage product where BPA is not used in the packaging of the product.**

*We do not produce any products not referred to in the answers to the previous questions.*

To reiterate, Red Bull places high standards on the quality of our packaging and attaches great importance to packaging safety. The producer of our beverage packaging uses only materials which adhere to all current legal requirements in the markets within which we do business.

We appreciate having had the opportunity to respond to your inquiry; should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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March 29, 2012

The Honorable Ed Markey  
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Dear Congressman Markey:

This letter responds to your March 6, 2012, letter to Rodney C. Sacks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Monster Beverage Corporation. (Your letter referenced Hansen Natural Corporation, which earlier this year became the Monster Beverage Corporation. Monster's primary operating subsidiary is Monster Energy Company, formerly Hansen Beverage Company.) I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your questions concerning bisphenol A (BPA).

Our company was founded in the 1930s by Hubert Hansen and his sons to sell fresh juices in California. Today, Monster Energy Company develops and markets a number of beverages, including the brand names Monster Energy, Peace Tea, Hansen's, Hubert's, Blue Sky, and Worx Energy. Packaging for these products includes aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles, "stick packs" (powdered drinks), and aseptic pouches and boxes (e.g., "bag-in-box" and juice boxes).

Monster considers it critically important to ensure that all of our beverage products are safe. BPA is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in food contact applications. Our packaging suppliers have indicated to us that BPA is used in certain applications, particularly those instances in which alternatives have not been developed or proven to assure food safety. As a result, BPA is currently used as a protective coating in those of our products that are produced in aluminum cans and lids. Monster's packaging suppliers have informed us that BPA is not used in our plastic bottles, glass bottles, or aseptic pouches and boxes. Hansen's "Junior Juice," "Juice Blast," and "Junior Water," products that we consider to be marketed to young children, are packaged in boxes that do not contain BPA. We are committed to identifying alternatives to BPA where possible.

Thank you for your inquiry, and please let me know if you would like additional information about any of Monster's products.

Sincerely,

MONSTER ENERGY COMPANY

Paul J. Dechary  
Legal Counsel

# The Coca-Cola Company

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March 12, 2012

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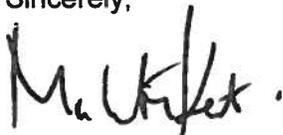
Thank you for your letter regarding epoxy resins and polycarbonate plastic coatings made with bisphenol A (BPA) and their possible use in food and beverage containers. Since Odwalla is part of The Coca-Cola Company, the information herein reflects the packaging for our Company in total.

The Coca-Cola Company has a comprehensive statement about our views on this issue available on our website (<http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/contactus/faq/coca-cola-bpa.html#studies>). We believe this information addresses most of your questions about BPA. As indicated on our website and elsewhere, we're fully cognizant of the controversy around BPA. Our scientists, and the independent scientists with whom we have consulted, have thoroughly reviewed the data and have assured us that our beverage cans pose no public health risk. Regulatory agencies in Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, New Zealand and the United States, all have conducted extensive reviews and determined that current levels of exposure to BPA through food and beverage packaging do not pose a health risk to the general population. We believe it is reasonable and appropriate to take the lead from these agencies that regulate our business and the scientists who have assessed the evidence-based research.

Our plastic beverage containers are made from PET, a plastic that does not contain BPA. We also offer some products in glass containers as well as cartons—neither of which contain BPA. Our aluminum cans and bottles do contain BPA in the lining that coats the container. This is further explained in our website.

With respect to your question about foods marketed to children younger than age 12, the policy of our Company is that we do not market to children ([http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/responsible\\_marketing.html](http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/responsible_marketing.html)).

Sincerely,



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March 13, 2012

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
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Dear Representative Markey:

Thank you for your March 6 letter to Indra Nooyi inquiring about PepsiCo's use of bisphenol A (BPA), a key ingredient in the epoxy resins used in metal and plastic food packaging to prevent spoilage and contamination. We are aware of the public concerns about BPA and constantly review the scientific and medical literature with respect to its possible effects on health.

BPA has been demonstrated to be safe for its intended use in numerous well-conducted studies. Moreover, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has been joined by numerous international food safety agencies in making the determination that BPA is safe for use in approved food contact applications. These include but are not limited to the European Food Safety Authority, Health Canada and the U.K Food Standards Agency.

We are aware that FDA is currently undertaking a scientific review of the safety of BPA and has published numerous peer-reviewed studies that provide additional strong support for their determination that BPA is safe for use in food contact applications. Should new information emerge that would change FDA's view, we will respond appropriately.

Regards,



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April 5, 2012

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Dear Representative Markey,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in the packaging of some of our canned consumer products.

First, we would like to assure you that ConAgra Foods is confident in the safety of the packaging materials we use for our food products, all of which comply with applicable food packaging safety laws and regulations.

As you know, BPA is used in the manufacture of certain epoxy coatings for metal cans and has been safely used for this application by the majority of the food and beverage industry for decades. ConAgra Foods' only food packaging use involving BPA is in linings of some metal cans.

While ConAgra Foods remains confident in the safety of the thin epoxy lining made from BPA for use in food can linings, we are a consumer and customer-driven company. As such, we are aware of consumer interest in this area, and we are researching alternatives. This research includes ensuring that potential alternative metal can liners maintain the quality and safety of the food. We have already transitioned to alternatives for our dessert toppings, cooking sprays and some of our canned tomato products. We continue to explore viable alternative liners for the remainder of our canned products.

ConAgra Foods is proud to be a leader in food safety and quality and we are very much committed to providing the highest quality foods to our customers and consumers.

Sincerely,

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