



Bisphenol A

Bisphenol A is a chemical that has been used for decades to create hard plastics and epoxy resins. According to the Food and Drug Administration, "studies employing standardized toxicity tests have thus far supported the safety of current low levels of human exposure to BPA." The FDA continues to conduct in-depth studies regarding risks related to BPA. Kroger Food Technology experts also review third-party research on the chemical and its effects.

Kroger recognizes that Bisphenol A (BPA) is perceived as a chemical of concern by some customers. To address these concerns, Kroger is working to limit the presence of BPA in several areas.

Kroger's first priority was to remove BPA from products that commonly are used by infants and toddlers, such as sippy cups, pacifiers, and utensils. In 2007, we notified our suppliers that we would no longer accept products such as these that also contained BPA. That transition is completed and these products are now BPA free.

Many canned goods have a thin lining containing a small amount of BPA to ensure the safety of the product until a customer is ready to use the product. While there is no conclusive scientific evidence that this minimal exposure to BPA in can linings poses any risks to consumers, Kroger has begun a process that we believe will result in the removal of BPA in the linings of canned goods in all of our corporate brand items. We recognize that this transition will take time as our suppliers and manufacturers are still researching and testing feasible alternatives. This is a priority for our Company and we are moving forward with the transition as quickly as possible.

In addition to our specific efforts with cans, Kroger is surveying all of our corporate brand food suppliers to determine if BPA is present in product packaging.

Finally, Kroger is working to transition to BPA-free receipt tape papers. While much of our current receipt tape is BPA-free, some suppliers still utilize processes that result in the presence of BPA in very small quantities. As such, we have issued new specifications for receipt tape that is BPA-free. By the end of 2011, customers can be sure that their receipt tape is free of any inks or processes that result in the presence of BPA.