

European Commission proposes New Regulation for Bisphenol-A (BPA) in Food Contact Materials

The [EFSA opinion](#) concluded that, at current exposure levels, there is no health risk to consumers of any age group (including unborn children, infants and adolescents) from dietary exposure to BPA. The European Commission is therefore proposing to take steps to harmonise the EU market on food contact materials (FCMs).

In November 2015, the Commission published its roadmap of possible risk management measures. Soon after, it initiated discussions with member states on possible changes to the food contact material legislation with proposals which would lower the existing specific migration limit (SML) for BPA in plastics and also introduce a SML for BPA in coatings and varnishes.

[View European commission road map new measure on bisphenol A \(BPA\) in food contact materials as PDF](#) (124.66 KB)

We expect the Commission to make the text of the draft Regulation publicly available shortly. The Commission will then put the proposal to the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, in the coming months. If supported the new Regulation could come into application in early 2017. We will provide you with further updates on the progress of the draft measure in due course.