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January 29, 2008

The Honorable John D. Dingell
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U. S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Bart Stupak
Committee Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
on Energy and Commerce
U. S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Re: BPA in Infant Formula

Dear Congressman Dingell and Congressman Stupak:

This correspondence responds to your letter to Solus Products, LLC dated January 17, 2008 inquiring about the possible use of bisphenol-A (BPA) in the packaging materials used for our infant formula products. For clarity, we have organized our response to reply to your specific questions that are repeated below.

Question #1:

Does your company use BPA in the lining of metal cans used to hold liquid infant formula? Please provide the specific names of which brands do or do not use BPA in their can lining.

Answer to Question #1:

Our infant formulas are only used to make powder products and are not used to make any liquid infant formula products. Since Question #1 specifically asks about use of BPA in the lining of cans used for liquid infant formula, the answer to this question is therefore "No."

Solus formulas are used by The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. to produce the following powder infant formula products :

- Earth's Best Organic™ Infant Formula with Iron (Powder)
- Earth's Best Organic™ Infant Formula with Iron with DHA & ARA (Powder)
- Earth's Best Organic™ Soy Infant Formula with Iron with DHA & ARA (Powder)

We understand that all of these products are packaged in metal cans. On the interior of the top end of the cans (the "easy-open" end) is an epoxy-based interior coating manufactured from BPA. The remainder of the cans (the can body and bottom end) are uncoated and do not contain BPA. All coatings meet the extraction limits for BPA established by the United States Food and Drug Administration and meet all regulatory requirements for food contact substances.

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Question #2:

Have you ever tested your infant formula for BPA?

Answer to Question #2:

No.

Question #3:

If you did test your infant formula for BPA, what was the specific methodology used (e.g., gas chromatography-mass spectrometry, liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry, high performance liquid chromatography, or enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, etc.) and what was the detection limit for the assay used?

Answer to Question #3:

No testing has been performed as noted in the response above to question #2

Question #4:

If you tested your infant formula for BPA, what were the specific results for each test given the methodology used?

Answer to Question #4:

No testing has been performed as noted in the response above to question #2

We hope that this information meets your needs. If you have further questions or need additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,



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