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January 29, 2008

The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U. S. House of Representatives
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515 ✓

The Honorable Bart Stupak
Committee Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
U. S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: BPA in Infant Formula

Dear Congressman Dingell and Congressman Stupak:

In response to your letter dated January 17, 2008, to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. inquiring about the possible use of bisphenol-A (BPA) in the packaging materials used for our infant formula products, we respectfully submit our responses to your specific questions:

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:

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. does not market any liquid infant formula products but does market and distribute the following powdered 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)

All of these products are packaged in metal cans. The interior of the top end of the cans (the "easy-open" end) is an epoxy-based 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 United States Food and Drug Administration requirements for food contact substances.



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Question #2:

Have you ever tested your infant formula for BPA?

Answer to Question #2:

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. has not tested our powdered infant formula products for BPA. However, our co-packer PBM Products LLC, has conducted third party analysis of a similar powdered infant formula that they manufacture.

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:

Testing methodology used by the third party independent lab was gas chromatography – mass spectrometry (GCMS) and the detection limit was 0.02%.

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:

Third party analysis reported no detectable (ND) BPA.

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. is committed to the health and safety of consumers, and has stringent quality procedures in place to ensure the integrity of our products. If you have additional questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerry F. Amantea".

Gerry F. Amantea, PhD
VP, Technical Service

c. Mr. Irwin Simon, President & CEO