



## Bisphenol A (BPA) Information

### **CAMBRO'S COMMITMENT TO SAFETY**

Cambro Manufacturing Company is committed to our valued customers by using the highest grade raw materials and providing products that are safe and manufactured for their intended use. Cambro will continue to manufacture products using only materials that are scientifically proven to be safe. If fact-based scientific evidence demonstrates that any material is unsafe, we will immediately make whatever changes are necessary in Cambro's product lines and destroy all affected inventory.

### **BACKGROUND**

Cambro is aware of the ongoing research on Bisphenol A (BPA). We consider this matter very important and stay in close contact with the applicable government regulatory agencies that continue to look at this topic. The following is intended to clarify current information on BPA, one ingredient of polycarbonate, which Cambro uses to manufacture some of its products. Polycarbonate containing BPA is widely used due to its excellent properties of durability, clarity and stain resistance. It has been safely used in consumer products for more than five decades. During this time, manufacturers and government agencies have conducted extensive health and safety studies on BPA. Governments around the world have repeatedly found BPA to be safe for consumer use.

### **THE FINDINGS OF REGULATORY AGENCIES**

Many health and safety agencies and authorities around the world recognize the use of polycarbonate containing BPA as safe and have authorized its use in applications of direct food contact, including the following:

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)
- The European Commission Scientific Committee on Food – [www.efsa.europa.eu](http://www.efsa.europa.eu)
- The European Food Safety Authority – <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/>
- The United Kingdom Food Standards Agency – <http://www.food.gov.uk/> , <http://www.food.gov.uk/science/bpa>
- The Japan Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare – <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/>
- Health Canada (HC) - <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/>

On March 30, 2012, the FDA decided not to ban the use of BPA in plastic packaging.<sup>1</sup> As of May 2016, the FDA's current assessment is that BPA is safe at the very low levels at which it is found in some foods. The FDA's studies on BPA are being conducted by the agency's National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR). The results from these studies continue to support FDA's assessment that the use of BPA in food packaging and containers is safe.<sup>2</sup>

## **ABOUT CAMBRO'S PRODUCTS**

BPA can be found in Cambro products manufactured with polycarbonate (Camwear®).

BPA is not found in Cambro's polypropylene or polyethylene storage containers, ABS products, or in most Cambro tumblers which are made from the SAN resin. Products manufactured using these materials are deemed BPA-Free.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS**

For additional sources of information regarding BPA, please refer to:

- The Environmental Protection Agency American Plastics Council – [www.americanplasticscouncil.org](http://www.americanplasticscouncil.org)
- The International Food and Information Council - [www.ific.org](http://www.ific.org)
- The American Chemistry Council - <http://www.americanchemistry.com/plastics/>

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## **NOTES**

1. U.S. Food and Drug Administration, FDA Continues to Study BPA, March 30, 2012:  
<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/UCM297971.pdf>
2. U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Bisphenol A (BPA): Use in Food Contact Application, Updated November 2014:  
<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/PublicHealthFocus/ucm064437.htm>
3. European Food Safety Authority, Bisphenol A:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/topics/topic/bisphenol.htm>