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Report Highlights:

Bisphenol A in food contact materials is banned in the European Unions as of January 20, 2025, with a phase-in period of one to three years depending on the product.

On December 31, 2024, the European Commission published [Regulation 2024/3190](#) which bans the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) in food contact materials following the opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) which concluded that BPA had potentially harmful effects on the immune system. The decision extends the [existing restrictions](#) on BPA, which is already prohibited in the European Union for use in infant feeding bottles.

Regulation 2024/3190 enters into force on January 20, 2025. It stipulates that the use of BPA and its salts are prohibited in the manufacture of:

- food-contact plastics;
- varnishes and coatings;
- printing inks;
- adhesives;
- ion-exchange resins;
- silicones;
- rubber.

BPA and its salts may be used in the manufacture of food contact materials and articles for very limited applications set out in Annex II of the Regulation.

Phase-in periods:

- ✓ Single-use, final food contact articles manufactured using BPA may be placed on the market until July 20, 2026.
- ✓ Final food contact articles manufactured using BPA may be placed on the market until July 20, 2028, if they are intended for the preservation of fruits or vegetables (except fruit juices) and fishery products.
- ✓ Single-use final food contact articles on which a varnish or coating manufactured using BPA has only been applied to the exterior metal surface may be placed on the market until July 20, 2028.

Additionally, single-use final food contact articles placed on the market in accordance with the Regulation may be filled with food and sealed during the 12 months following the expiry of the applicable transitional period. The resulting packaged food may be placed on the market until exhaustion of stocks.

Attachments:

No Attachments.