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ACC RESPONDS TO ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP STUDY ON BPA IN THERMAL RECEIPTS

ARLINGTON, VA (July 27, 2010) – The following statement may be attributed to the American Chemistry Council (ACC):

“Some receipts made from thermal paper can contain low levels of bisphenol A (BPA). However, available data suggests that BPA is not readily absorbed through the skin. Biomonitoring data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control shows that exposure to BPA from all sources, which would include typical exposure from receipts, is extremely low. Exposure levels to BPA by the general U.S. population – from all sources – are quite low; they’re about 1,000 times below safe intake levels set by government bodies in Europe and the U.S.

In fact, a new study looking into this very concern, ‘Transfer of bisphenol A from thermal printer paper to the skin,’ (Biedermann, Tschudin & Grob, 2010) shows that while low levels of BPA can transfer from thermal paper to skin, those levels are well below government-set safe intake levels, even under the worst-case conditions included in the study.”

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