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Important Information Regarding the Safety of Thermal Receipt Paper

A recent article published in an on-line web magazine has generated interest in BPA (Bisphenol-A) as it relates to thermal paper used for POS receipt tape. BPA or a similar agent, BPS is used by all mills to make thermal paper. BPA is an organic compound that has been used commercially for nearly a century. It is an important building block of several important plastics and plastic additives.

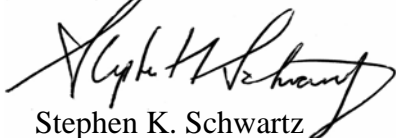
Many years ago someone noticed that there were certain similarities between the chemical structure of BPA and estrogen. Due to this similarity the question was raised as to whether BPA might pose risks similar to estrogen if absorbed through the skin or ingested in some manner.

There is no scientific evidence that BPA poses such a risk. Accompanying this letter are a number of important and relevant documents and articles.

- A February 2009 statement from the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) which affirms the safety of BPA
- A July 2009 article outlining the positions of Health Canada and California's Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee's determinations that BPA is not a toxic agent
- January 2007 statement from the EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) on the safety of BPA
- June 2009 Overview of updated EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) and FSA (UK Food Standard Authority) on Safety of BPA
- MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) information from Koehler Paper, Mitsubishi Hi-Tec Papers and Kanzaki Specialty which all clearly indicate positive test results related to the safety of their POS receipt paper
- Statements from Koehler, Mitsubishi and Kanzaki which provide additional information, background and test results further establishing that their products are safe

At RiteMade we know that the safety of our products is essential. We believe the attached information provides clear evidence that the thermal POS rolls manufactured by RiteMade using grades supplied by the above named mills confirms that RiteMade products made from these grades pose absolutely no public health risks.

Sincerely,



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