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NEW EU REGULATION: BAN ON BISPHENOL A (BPA)

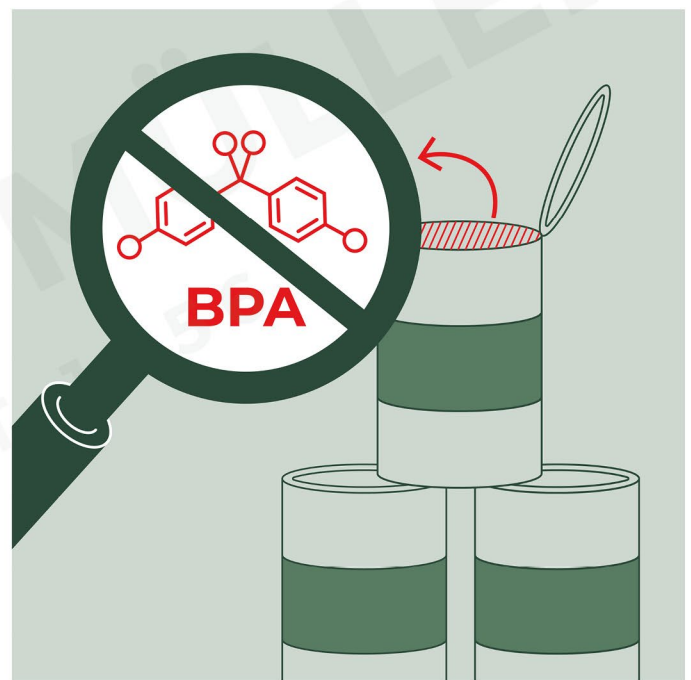
Everything at a glance

Regulation (EU) 2024/3190 came into force on January 20, 2025: We have summarized all the background, deadlines and limit values you need to know now with regard to BPA.

Bisphenol A (BPA) is often used in the **inner coating of food cans**. It is used to create a **protective layer** that protects the metal from corrosion and at the same time prevents the contents of the can from reacting with the metal.

With **Regulation (EU) 2024/3190 on the ban of bisphenol A (BPA) and other bisphenols and bisphenol derivatives** coming into force on January 20, 2025, companies like us at Paul M. Müller are facing major challenges, as this new regulation requires significant adjustments throughout the supply chain to give packaging manufacturers and food producers time to implement this ban and to ensure that the food supply continues to be guaranteed.

To give packaging manufacturers and food producers time to implement this ban and ensure that the food supply continues to be guaranteed, the regulation specifies the following transitional periods:



- Empty cans intended for the preservation of fruit, vegetables or fish products may be placed on the market until January 20, 2028.
- Empty cans may be filled with food until 12 months after the end of the transitional period - i.e. until January 20, 2029.
- After that, the distribution of packaged food is permitted until the existing stock is used up.

Our approach to the topic at Paul M. Müller

In principle, **all our products comply with the current legal requirements** of <0.05 mg BPA/kg of food. This value is not exceeded as the majority of producers already use BPA-NI-cans and the limit value here is <0.01 mg/kg.

BPA-NI (= BPA non-intent) means that the coatings inside the can do not contain any intentionally added BPA. Since it is generally known that BPA can also enter the end product via raw materials, including drinking water, materials of storage tanks, water pipes or through cross-contaminati-

on during can production, **it cannot be ruled out that minimal traces of BPA can be detected in the product contained when using BPA-NI cans.** Therefore, the introduction of BPA into the food cannot be completely ruled out, even when using other packaging materials.

At the present time, we are unable to say to what extent or whether this issue will have an impact on costs and shelf life. We will endeavor to keep you informed of all relevant developments and work with you to find possible solutions.

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