



# Statement

For Immediate Release

June 5, 2009

Contact: Kathryn St. John (703) 741-5818

Email: [Kathryn\\_St.John@americanchemistry.com](mailto:Kathryn_St.John@americanchemistry.com)

## CONNECTICUT IGNORES WORLDWIDE BODY OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE AND LIMITS CONSUMER CHOICE

ARLINGTON, VA (June 5, 2009) – Today Connecticut passed restrictions on bisphenol A (BPA). The state action will halt the manufacture and sale of most baby food in jars and infant formula in cans, as well as prohibit the manufacture and sale of baby bottles and sippy cups made with shatter-resistant polycarbonate plastics containing BPA. Connecticut chose, despite a worldwide consensus among regulatory agencies that BPA can be safely used in food contact products, to adopt restrictions that will significantly limit consumer choice and not improve public health.

Within the last year, eleven regulatory bodies around the world assessed the science on BPA and determined that BPA is safe for use in food contact products, including products that now will be banned in Connecticut. These regulatory bodies include: the European Union, European Food Safety Authority, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Danish Environmental Protection Agency, French Food Safety Authority and Swiss Office for Public Health.

The law does not promote health or safety. It hurts Connecticut businesses that can no longer manufacture these highly valued products and Connecticut consumers who will no longer find them on store shelves.

BPA is used primarily to make polycarbonate plastic and epoxy resins, both of which are used in a wide range of common consumer products. From baby bottles to bicycle helmets, and eyeglass lenses to components of life-saving medical devices, products made from polycarbonate plastic can continue to be safely used today.

###

[www.americanchemistry.com/newsroom](http://www.americanchemistry.com/newsroom)

*The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®, common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues, and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a \$689 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is one of the nation's largest exporters, accounting for ten cents out of every dollar in U.S. exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.*

