

## **Regulatory Status of Graham Packaging Company's PET and Polyolefin Containers**

This letter is intended to serve as certification that the PET and Polyolefin resins and other material components used for Graham Packaging Company's Containers are in compliance with US and Canadian Food Packaging regulations. Specifically, all constituents comply in all aspects with US Food Packaging Legislation. Graham Packaging Company's Containers may be safely used for water based non-alcoholic beverages which are hot filled up to and in compliance with Condition of Use C in 21 CFR 176.170. Such use will be in full compliance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and with all applicable food additive regulations. In addition, we certify that the materials in use are also compliant with applicable state requirements pursuant with the CONEG guidelines restricting the presence of specified heavy metals in packaging materials.

A concern has been expressed in the media recently concerning the potential hormone disrupting properties and potential cancer causing properties of bisphenol-A containing plastics used in the packaging field. Bisphenol-A is used as a raw material source for the production of polycarbonate resins. Likewise, similar concerns have been expressed in the media regarding the use of phthalate plasticizers in packaging materials.

Bisphenol-A and phthalate plasticizers are not used as a raw material source in either the production of polyethylene terephthalate resin (PET) or polyolefin resins (polyethylene and polypropylene). In addition, bisphenol-A and phthalate plasticizers are not used as an additive to these materials in the manufacture of PET and polyolefin containers produced by Graham Packaging Company.

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