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The Honorable John D. Dingell
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bart Stupak
2352 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Dingell and Stupak:

Thank you for your letter dated January 17, 2008, to Mr. Robert A. Essner, Chairman of Wyeth. Wyeth welcomes the opportunity to respond to your questions and requests for information on the important issue of the use of the chemical bisphenol A (BPA), particularly in products intended for use by infants and children.

At the outset of our response, Wyeth would like to highlight three key points for the Committee:

1. Wyeth does not sell liquid infant formula in metal cans anywhere in the world.
2. In 2004, Wyeth ceased all manufacturing and distribution of liquid and powdered infant formula in the United States.
3. Wyeth has completed tests of representative samples of our infant formula products sold in other countries that reveal BPA is not present at detectable levels (detection limit less than 0.05 mg/kg).

Wyeth is one of the world's largest research-driven pharmaceutical and health care products companies with leading products in areas that include women's healthcare, infectious disease, gastrointestinal health, central nervous system disorders, inflammation, transplantation, hemophilia, oncology, vaccines and nutritional products. Wyeth has a long history - dating back to 1915 - of leading the way in improving nutrition for infants and children throughout the world and is dedicated to serving our customers - parents and their babies and young children that our products help nourish.

The quality and integrity of our products, including our product packaging, are of paramount concern at Wyeth. We are committed to the safety of our products and



believe in regular, comprehensive and consistent oversight of our product ingredients and the packaging in which those products are contained. To fulfill that commitment, Wyeth employs highly trained, qualified and knowledgeable professionals whose primary task is to ensure that the product ingredients and packaging components meet the rigorous and evolving safety standards established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other regulatory authorities.

We are pleased to offer the following information in response to your specific numbered questions about BPA and whether it is present in the lining of cans that contain infant formula.

1. Does your company use BPA in the lining of metal cans used to hold liquid infant formula? Please provide specific names of which brands do or do not use BPA in their can lining.

Wyeth does not sell liquid infant formula in metal cans anywhere in the world. In addition, in 2004, Wyeth ceased all distribution of liquid and powdered infant formula in the United States. However, we continue to manufacture liquid and powdered infant formula that is sold in approximately 100 countries worldwide.

Wyeth's *liquid* infant formula is packaged only in Tetra Paks and glass bottles. Neither the Tetra Paks nor the glass bottles contain lining. Wyeth's liquid infant formula products are sold in Tetra Paks and glass bottles under the following brand names:

- S-26 Alpha Pro
- SMA Gold
- SMA High Energy (for babies who are failing to thrive)
- SMA White

Wyeth's *powdered* infant formula is packaged in metal cans, pouches, and containers that are referred to in the industry as "stick packs." Stick packs are elongated laminated foil tubes that are heat sealed at both ends. Although our metal cans do contain food grade lining, the results of tests of representative samples reveal that BPA is not detectible in Wyeth infant formula. Neither the pouches nor the stick packs contain lining. Wyeth's powdered infant formula



products are sold in metal cans, pouches and stick packs under the following brand names:

- S-26
- S-26 Alpha-Pro
- S-26 AR (for babies that are prone to regurgitation)
- S-26 Gold
- S-26 HA (for babies at risk of allergy due to family history)
- S-26 LF (for lactose intolerant babies),
- SMA
- SMA Gold
- SMA Staydown (for babies that are prone to regurgitation)
- SMA White
- Bonna

2. Have you ever tested your infant formula for BPA?

Wyeth has tested representative samples of our infant formula products for BPA in the following types of packaging: (i) powdered formula packaged in metal cans; (ii) powdered formula packaged in stick packs; (iii) liquid formula packaged in glass bottles, and (iv) liquid formula packaged in Tetra Paks. The results of those tests are set forth in our response to Question 4.

3. If you did test your infant formula for BPA, what was the specific methodology used (e.g., gas chromatography-mass spectrometry, liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry, high performance liquid chromatography, or enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, etc.) and what was the detection limit for the assay used?

The methodology utilized by Wyeth in testing our infant formula for BPA is Solid Phase MicroExtraction Gas Chromatography-Mass spectrometry (SPME-GC-MS). The detection limit for this assay is < 0.05 mg/kg.



4. If you tested your infant formula for BPA, what were the specific results for each test given the methodology used?

The results for each test performed were all less than the detection limit of 0.05 mg/kg. In practical terms, this means that BPA was not detectible in Wyeth's infant formulas.

Please note that our powdered infant formula products sold in pouches have not been tested for BPA. However, these pouches are similar in content to the stick packs. As a result, it is Wyeth's assessment that any test results for the pouches would likely be similar to the results obtained for the stick packs. Nevertheless, Wyeth is currently testing representative samples of our powdered infant formula products in the pouches to confirm that BPA is not detectible and will inform the Committee if the test results are inconsistent with our assessment.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to your letter. We trust that the information provided in our response addresses the questions in your January 17th letter. If you require additional information or have follow-up questions about our response, please contact Leo Jardot in our Washington Office at 202-659-8320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gaetan Crucke".

Gaetan Crucke
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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable John Shimkus, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations