

Ban on bisphenol A (BPA) in food packaging

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Commission Regulation (EU) [2024/3190](#) on the use of bisphenol A (BPA) and other bisphenols and bisphenol derivatives with harmonised classification for specific hazardous properties in certain materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

What is changing and why?

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has identified health risks from levels of bisphenol A (BPA) and related substances in food. The EU has therefore adopted a new Regulation that:

- bans use of BPA in the manufacture of food contact materials including plastics, varnishes/coatings, printing inks, adhesives, ion-exchange resins, and rubbers
- allows exceptional use of BPA in certain plastic film membranes and varnishes used on large tanks
- allows operators to request authorisation of other use of BPA
- requires food businesses to prove their compliance with the BPA Regulation for all relevant packaged food placed on the EU market.

The European Commission aims to safeguard consumer health by minimising exposure to BPA and raising safety standards in the production of food contact materials.

Actions

All suppliers of packaged foods to the EU market (particularly of fruit, vegetable, and fish products) should alert their packaging suppliers to the new ban on BPA, and evaluate strategies to transition away from the use of BPA. From the relevant dates (see Timeline), a declaration of compliance will have to accompany food contact materials and articles at all stages of the supply chain.

Timeline

By **20 July 2026**, packaged food placed on the EU market will have to comply with these new rules.


However, there is an exception for packaged fruit and vegetables and fishery products that comply with current rules, which can be placed on the EU market until **20 January 2028**. This

exception for fruit and vegetables does not apply to fruit juices and nectars.

There is also an exception for food in containers where a varnish or coating manufactured using BPA has been applied only to the *exterior* metal surface: these products can be placed on the EU market until **20 January 2028**.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Permitted uses of bisphenol A (BPA)		
Material type	Specific application for use as a monomer or starting substance in the manufacture of:	Other restrictions
Varnishes and coatings	Liquid epoxy resins on self-supporting food contact materials or articles with capacity over 1,000 litres	Migration into food should not be detectable; final food contact articles should be cleaned and flushed before first contact with food
Plastics	Polysulphone filtration membrane assemblies	Migration into food should not be detectable; final food contact articles should be cleaned and flushed before first contact with food
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Source: Regulation [2024/3190](#), Annex II

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