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**Subject: On the issue of Bisphenol-A (BPA) in Baby Sippy Cups – Reg.**

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letters dated 27 June 2016 addressed to Smt. Alka Panda, DG BIS, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Sh. Hem Pande, Secretary, Dept. of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) on the above subject.

We wish to inform you that the issue of Bisphenol-A (BPA) in feeding bottles has already been taken care in IS 14625:2015 'Plastic Feeding Bottles (first revision)' as per which polycarbonate cannot be used for manufacture of plastic feeding bottles. This standard is under mandatory certification under the Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Amendment Act, 2003 (IMS Act).

With regard to standard on Baby Sippy Cups, it is informed that IS 14625, in line with the definition of 'feeding bottles' given in the IMS Act, presently does not cover other drinking accessories like cup, spout and straw. Hence, we have already taken up with Food & Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women & Child Development with a request to amend the definition of '**feeding bottle**' in the IMS Act as follows:

*"any bottle or receptacle used for the purpose of feeding infant milk substitutes through a teat or drinking accessory attached or capable of being attached to such bottle or receptacle."*

As per the above proposed modified definition, feeding bottles will include all the products with drinking accessories like teats, cup, spout and straw etc intended for feeding infant milk substitutes.

Once the above proposed modified definition of feeding bottle is notified in the IMS Act, the Indian Standard, IS 14625:2015 will be amended accordingly which will help in ensuring the safety of infants from substandard feeding bottles and there would not be any need to have a separate standard for baby sippy cups.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

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