

Food manufacturers promise to boot BPA from packaging

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Several major manufacturers have joined forces to eliminate the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) from packaging materials, according to a new report.

Green Century Capital Management's study, entitled **Seeking Safer Packaging**, polled 20 large companies.

The pledge follows the Canadian federal government's decision to ban the product from the production of plastic and baby bottles.

The chemical is also used to harden the packaging of glass jars, tins, as well as the casing of consumer goods such as laptops, mobile phones and televisions.

It has been associated with a range of illnesses and conditions such as cancer, diabetes and obesity.

Last week, a study made the first ever positive connection between low sperm counts and the chemical.

The firms that have promised to stop using the harmful chemical include Campbell Soups, Heinz and Nestle.

Heinz was ranked the most active in that it was already using an alternative to BPA in its can linings.