



BPA-free Canned Tomatoes Coming Soon



One of the top sources of BPA exposure is canned tomatoes. The high acidity leaches the BPA out of can linings at a higher rate and canned toms were one of the first things I dropped from the shopping list when the BPA scandal broke. So [this is good news](#):

[Muir Glen](#), a subsidiary of [General Mills](#), will be switching to metal can packaging that does not contain bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical that numerous food and product makers have moved away from.

...Starting with the next tomato harvest, all Muir Glen tomato products will come in cans with BPA-free liners.

Sadly, General Mills isn't announced what chemicals are in the new lining. In fact, one of the main reasons the FDA has been so reluctant to ban the chemical is the lack of alternatives (although it's worth pointing out that canning did exist before BPA was discovered) so it would be nice to know what General Mills will be using. Anyway, as happy as I am that there will soon be a BPA-free brand of canned tomato products, I also feel like keeping endocrine disruptors out of consumers' bloodstreams should not represent a competitive advantage.

On a related note, Coca-cola shareholders [are voting today](#) on a proposal to require the company to disclose what it's doing on BPA (all soda cans are currently lined with it). It will be interesting to see 1) if it passes and 2) if it turns into the first step in getting Coke to dump BPA.