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### **Statement on polycarbonate baby bottles.**

Mothercare takes the issue of product safety very seriously and all baby bottles sold by us comply with European standards.

While we are aware of the public review process taking place in Canada, the current scientific guidelines in the UK remain unchanged.

Bisphenol A may be found in polycarbonate used for baby bottles. The limits for the release of Bisphenol A or BPA for children's feeding and drinking equipment, including baby bottles, are strictly controlled by European safety standards and all baby bottles sold by Mothercare comply with the European standards.

Mothercare offers a wide range of feeding options to ensure customers have the choice of product to suit them. As well as polycarbonate bottles we carry a selected range of feeding bottles made from polypropylene. We are also actively investigating other options to increase the width of choice for our customers.

Our existing guidelines continue to apply to the use polycarbonate bottles:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and sterilisation of the bottles.
- Always check bottles for damage prior to each use. Bottles must be discarded when they become grazed, scratched or show any other signs of wear. We also recommend that bottles be used for no more than 6 months, particularly if they are heavily used