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Re: Use of bisphenol A in manufacture of ResMed CPAP Equipment

ResMed is aware of recent announcements by Health Canada regarding the use of bisphenol A, an industrial chemical used to make a hard, clear plastic known as polycarbonate. This plastic is used in many consumer products, including reusable water bottles and baby bottles. In light of Health Canada's announcements, ResMed would like to confirm that it has confidence in the safety of its polycarbonate products.

On 19 April 2008 Health Canada announced the initiation of a 60 day public comment period on the sale and advertising of polycarbonate baby bottles containing bisphenol A. Health Canada's initial risk assessment on the use of bisphenol A determined that the general public need not be concerned, and that bisphenol A does not pose a risk to the general population, including: adults, teenagers and children.

Many of ResMed's products include polycarbonates in which bisphenol A is a raw material. The use of polycarbonates in these products is approved in every country where these products are sold, including Canada.

As a manufacturer of medical devices, ResMed's products are subject to strict regulation. For products marketed in the United States, ResMed must satisfy the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that every product is safe for its intended use. One of the requirements in this regard is to demonstrate an appropriate level of biocompatibility for every material to which a patient is exposed. To this end, the biocompatibility of the polycarbonate in question has been tested and confirmed by ResMed.

ResMed is confident in the safety of its polycarbonate containing products for their intended use.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. King', is written over a light grey circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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