



# Seneca Foods Goes BPA Non-Intent

**Seneca Foods will become the first major processor to convert to BPA non-intent cans.\***

As a self-manufacturer of cans used for the majority of its products, Seneca Foods has been working since 2009 to develop alternatives to epoxy-based can linings, of which BPA is a component. Significant progress has been made toward this objective, and we are now pleased to announce that effective with the 2013 pack, the great majority of Seneca products sold in the U.S. will be packed in BPA non-intent containers.

Exceptions are products packed in glass and plastic bottles, and cans with pull-top lids. (The tops and lids of these containers have epoxy-based linings.) Additionally, high-acid sauerkraut, pickled beet and bean salad products will continue to be packed in epoxy-lined cans. We are exploring alternative solutions for these products as well, and will announce them as they become available.

*\*\*"BPA non-intent" refers to the fact that Bisphenol A (BPA) is ubiquitous in the natural environment, and very small amounts may be detected in "non-BPA" substances, as current technology measures in parts per billion. We refer to "BPA non-intent", rather than "BPA-free" as a more accurate term for these circumstances. Moreover, current food contact materials have been in use for over 40 years, and are considered safe by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other regulatory authorities around the world. Our industry-leading conversion to BPA non-intent can linings is strictly to remove any consumer concerns that may arise from unfounded health-related allegations about the use of BPA epoxy linings, rather than from any specific knowledge or concern on Seneca's part regarding their safety.*



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