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To: Retail Customers of Drew's Organic Salsas with Sales in California
Re: California Proposition 65 – BPA

BPA Added to CA Prop 65:

In May 2015 the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) added bisphenol A (BPA) to the list of chemicals known to the state of California to cause reproductive toxicity under Proposition 65.

The metal lids on the following Drew's Organic Salsas have epoxy liners containing BPA:

FLAVOR	SIZE	UPC
Drew's Organic Mild Thick & Chunky Salsa	12 oz.	790874001011
Drew's Organic Medium Thick & Chunky Salsa	12 oz.	790874001028
Drew's Organic Medium Thick & Chunky Salsa	24-oz. 2-pack	790874900215
Drew's Organic Hot Thick & Chunky Salsa	12 oz.	790874001035
Drew's Organic Double Fire Roasted Salsa	12 oz.	790874001042
Drew's Organic Chipotle Lime Salsa	12 oz.	790874001059
Drew's Organic Black Bean & Corn Salsa	12 oz.	790874001066
Drew's Organic Quinoa, Flax & Chia Salsa	12 oz.	790874001080
Drew's Organic Pineapple Salsa	12 oz.	790874001073
Drew's Organic Mango Habanero Salsa	12 oz.	790874001196
Drew's Organic Tomatillo Verde Salsa	12 oz.	790874001097

Consumer Warning Required:

Effective May 11, 2016 any food product that may cause exposure to BPA is required to be labeled with a warning on the product label, shelf tags or shelf signs. However, due primarily to the fact that there is currently no established maximum allowable dosage level (MADL) to clarify which products require a warning and which do not, the OEHHA decided that emergency action was required to clarify the legislation surrounding BPA labeling to ensure it is enacted properly. During the emergency order effective through 10/18/2016, retailers may post the following warning in a conspicuous location to notify consumers of the potential exposure:

WARNING: Many food and beverage cans have linings containing bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical known to the State of California to cause harm to the female reproductive system. Jar lids and bottle caps may also contain BPA. You can be exposed to BPA when you consume foods or beverages packaged in these containers.

For more information, go to: www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/BPA



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Drew's Solution Moving Forward:

Fundamentally, we believe the metal lids we use on our products are safe for consumers for the following reasons:

- The FDA has published guidance supporting the safety of BPA in food contact applications:

"FDA's current perspective, based on its most recent safety assessment (June 17, 2014), is that BPA is safe at the current levels occurring in foods. Based on FDA's ongoing safety review of scientific evidence, the available information continues to support the safety of BPA for the currently approved uses in food containers and packaging." Source: www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/PublicHealthFocus/ucm064437

- Unlike metal cans in which the food rests continuously against (and surrounded by) the can liner, the metal lids on our products are merely providing a closure to the glass jars and most of the time are not in direct contact with the food.
- The BPA in our lids is present only in the primer coating which is the interior layer of a two-layer system. Therefore the primer layer containing BPA is never in direct contact with the food. Further, internal studies conducted by our two metal lid suppliers have indicated very low or undetectable levels of BPA:
 - One supplier expects the migration of BPA to be between 0.01 and 0.02 ppm, based on the testing of similar products.
 - Our other supplier's testing found BPA was undetectable or below the detection threshold of 0.002 mg/dm².

The above facts support our belief that the metal lids used on our products are safe. **However, we recommend and request that all retailers selling our Drew's Organic Salsas in California post the warning shown on the previous page.**

The California OEHHA is expected to further clarify which products require a warning within the next few months. Nevertheless, due to 1) the absence of an established maximum allowable dosage level from the California OEHHA and our bias against inaction; 2) consumer sentiment against BPA and our desire for transparency; and 3) an abundance of caution – Drew's will begin phasing out the use of lids containing BPA immediately. **As soon as current inventories are consumed, we will switch to 100% BPA-free liners in ALL metal lids used on our products.**

As always, we believe in creating delicious and healthy foods in an environmentally and socially conscious manner which we enjoy eating and feeding to our own loved-ones daily.

If you have any questions please contact me or your Drew's Sales Team representative.

Regards,
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