WORLD ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS OF BOTTLES AND TEATS

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WBT response to the Trinity College Dublin study on high levels of microplastics in infant-feeding bottles released during formula preparation.

The WBT (World association of manufacturers of Bottles and Teats) represents manufacturers of baby bottles worldwide.

All members of the WBT remain, as always, fully committed to the safety of our consumers.

We are aware of the various media reports on the recent Trinity College Dublin study, and would like to reassure our customers on the safety of infant feeding bottles.

We note that while the Trinity College Dublin study reports finding microplastics, the authors do not claim that plastic is unsafe or presents a health risk.

In an effort to examine the potential human health risks associated with exposure to microplastics in the environment, a recent WHO Report on Microplastics in drinking water was published in 2019 and concluded that **no reliable information suggests it is a concern.**

Another recent opinion from The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) dated June 2019 on microplastics facts states that **it cannot be assumed that plastic particles in food pose health risks for humans.**

In an effort to manufacture and supply only the safest of infant feeding bottles, we constantly review the latest legislation and guidelines.
We look to the relevant authorities such as the European Commission, EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), FDA for rules and guidance on use of food contact approved materials for infant feeding bottles. Our infant feeding bottles meet or even exceed all relevant international safety and regulatory standards worldwide.

As always we will keep abreast of any new information that becomes available, and continue to seek guidance from regulatory authorities and experts alike to ensure we provide only the very safest of infant feeding bottles.

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