

Lawsuit filed against Teflon maker DuPont

May 9 2006

A lawsuit has been filed in Des Moines, Iowa, charging the DuPont Co. with failing to disclose the potential dangers of using its Teflon-coated cookware.

The legal action -- a compilation of 16 separate class-action lawsuits filed across the United States -- says the manufacturer of Teflon-coated pots, pans and other cookware knew or should have known Teflon can release dangerous chemicals when heated.

The complaint, now awaiting certification by a federal judge, said the harmful substances Teflon-coated merchandise can release include a chemical recently determined to be a "likely" human carcinogen, but that DuPont has continuously maintained Teflon products are safe, The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday.

The plaintiffs want the manufacture and sale of Teflon-coated cookware stopped or a warning label added to any Teflon products continued to be sold. The legal action also seeks establishment of a fund to support a study of the health effects of using Teflon.

The Wilmington, Del.-based, company says the lawsuits are without merit and that Teflon-coated products are safe when used appropriately, The Journal said.

Copyright 2006 by United Press International

Citation: Lawsuit filed against Teflon maker DuPont (2006, May 9) retrieved 20 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2006-05-lawsuit-teflon-maker-dupont.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.