

Coca-cola to cut controversial substance from beverages

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The move is in response to consumers' concerns about brominated [vegetable oil](#), which contains bromine, an element found in flame retardants, *The New York Times* reported.

The beverages that contain the substance include Fresca, some varieties of Fanta, and some fountain drinks.

Coca-Cola said that brominated vegetable oil will be replaced with sucrose acetate isobutyrate and/or glycerol ester of rosin. The first is common in beverages, and the second is used in gum, *The Times* reported.

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