



Statement of NAMPA regarding WHO Expert Panel on Bisphenol A Exposure

The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) welcomes the findings announced today by an international panel of experts recently convened by the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to review the current scientific research on bisphenol A (BPA). The panel confirmed that exposure levels are extremely low, that BPA does not accumulate in the body, and is rapidly eliminated through normal bodily functions.

“The panel’s conclusion that levels of BPA found in humans from exposure through food packaging are extremely low is consistent with the findings of other international regulatory experts,” said Dr. John Rost, chairman of NAMPA. “This latest perspective from 30 internationally recognized scientific experts should provide further reassurance to consumers and policy makers alike that BPA does not present a health risk to people.”

The panel considered ‘low dose’ studies that have received a great deal of publicity, despite criticism from the scientific community regarding study design, applicability to humans, and other areas of concern. The panel noted that “at this stage, it is difficult to interpret the relevance of these studies in the light of current knowledge of this compound.” As a result, the panel also concluded that initiation of public health measures to restrict BPA would be premature at this time.

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The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. and its members support sound science and trust the scientific review process that has protected our food supply for decades. For further information, visit www.metal-pack.org.

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