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Food and Drug Administration Reaffirms Safety of BPA

Washington, D.C., August 15, 2008 -- The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) welcomed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) draft assessment released today that reaffirms the safety of bisphenol A (BPA) for use in metal food and beverage packaging. In its conclusion, FDA states unequivocally that an adequate margin of safety exists for BPA at current levels of exposure from food contact uses.

"Today's report provides further confirmation of the safety of BPA for food packaging uses," said Dr. John M. Rost, Chairman of NAMPA. "FDA's report follows recent reports by credible agencies, including the European Food Safety Authority and the National Toxicology Program, and further aligns worldwide scientific and regulatory opinion that BPA is safe for use in food and beverage contact applications."

FDA concluded that "the results of FDA's assessment indicate that the data reviewed on endpoints highlighted as of potential concern in recent reports, such as developmental effects on the prostate gland and developmental neural and behavioral toxicity, are insufficient to provide a basis to alter the NOAEL (no observed adverse effect level) used to calculate the margin of safety. FDA's lowest calculated margins of safety are approximately 2,000 and 27,000 for infants and adults, respectively. FDA concludes that an adequate margin of safety exists for BPA at current levels of exposure from food contact uses, for infants and adults."

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About NAMPA

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 <http://www.metal-pack.org>.

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The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. is an organization whose objectives are to support risk-based regulations in North America; influence regulation in other geographies, provide customers with needed information regarding well-founded technologies, and advocate risk-based decision-making in technology decisions.