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Independent California Regulatory Panel Concludes BPA Not Toxic

*-- Upon Evaluation of All Evidence, Committee Finds BPA Does Not Pose A Risk
and Does Not List It Under Prop 65 -*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 16, 2009) The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) welcomes the California Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee's July 15, 2009, conclusion that bisphenol A (BPA) is not a developmental or reproductive toxicant. This conclusion served as the basis for the panel's unanimous vote not to include BPA on the listing under Proposition 65 (Prop 65).

"We can now add California to the growing list of agencies that have concluded that BPA does not pose a risk to the general public," said Dr. John M. Rost, NAMPA Chairman. "It's important to note that when politics and media interference are taken out of the process, and safety decisions are made by qualified, independent scientific experts, we see the same conclusion time and time again -- that BPA is safe."

Scientific authorities around the world, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, European Food Safety Authority, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Health Canada and Japan's National Institute for Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, as well as food safety authorities in Australia and New Zealand, have considered the comprehensive body of knowledge regarding BPA, and all have affirmed its safe use in food and beverage applications.

The use of BPA in epoxy coatings in metal packaging provides real, important, and measurable health benefits. By reducing the potential for the serious and often deadly effects from food-borne illnesses, epoxy coated metal cans protect human health.

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