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**CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMS SAFETY OF BPA IN ALL FOOD
CONTACT APPLICATIONS**

*Health Canada declares BPA use in food packaging poses no health risk
to infants, children, and adults*

Washington, D.C. (September 27, 2012) -- The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) welcomes today's announcement by Health Canada reaffirming the safety of bisphenol A (BPA)-based epoxy resins in metal food and beverage packaging. In updating its 2008 assessment of dietary exposure to BPA, the Canadian Food Directorate issued today a final report reaffirming its previous conclusion that the use of BPA in food contact applications presents no risk to the general population, including infants.

The report concludes four years of analyses conducted by the Canadian government to measure the amount of BPA exposure in adults and children, including infants, from four distinct food contact applications -- canned drink products, canned food products, bottled water, and soft drink and beer products. A total of 132 food products in 33 different categories were included in the testing, leading Health Canada officials to conclude that "[t]he updated dietary exposure assessments are lower than those estimated in the assessment of August 2008."

"Today's determination should put to rest once and for all any doubts as to where the Canadian government stands regarding the safety of BPA in food packaging," said Dr. John Rost, Chairman of NAMPA. "Health Canada's assessment is based on actual exposure among all age groups from real-life food and beverage products, and should provide reassurance to consumers everywhere that BPA in food packaging is safe."

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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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