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**Statement of the North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc.
Regarding California OEHHA's Confirmation of Safety of BPA Levels Found in Canned Foods
and Beverages**

-- Move by OEHHA contradicts earlier unanimous vote by CA-DARTIC not to list BPA --

The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) is disappointed following the announcement by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) of its intent to list bisphenol A (BPA) as a reproductive developmental toxicant under Proposition 65. OEHHA took the rare step, however, to also establish a Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL) with its proposed listing notification. That proposed MADL level of 290 micrograms per day is well above levels found in foods and beverages packaged in metal containers. In its actions, OEHHA is stating that the trace levels of BPA found in canned foods and beverages are not a risk to human health.

“Although we are extremely disappointed that OEHHA has chosen to completely disregard the findings of the very group of experts who were given responsibility for assessing BPA, we are pleased to see that OEHHA has taken the step to clarify that trace levels of BPA from metal packaging are not a concern to human health,” said NAMPA Chairman, Dr. John M. Rost.

Recent reviews of BPA by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the World Health Organization, the European Food Safety Authority, Health Canada, and regulatory agencies in Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand, all found no scientifically significant link between BPA and human health hazards.

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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 www.metal-pack.org.

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