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EFSA JOINS FDA IN CONCLUDING BPA IS SAFE

Washington, D.C. (January 21, 2015) -- The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) welcomes today's <u>European Food Safety Authority</u> (EFSA) announcement that following completion of its latest comprehensive risk assessment of bisphenol A (BPA), it finds there is no consumer health risk from dietary exposure to the chemical.

"Today's announcement by EFSA provides still more substantiation that the current uses of BPA in food packaging are safe," stated Dr. John Rost, NAMPA Chair. "Given that Europe is the birthplace of the Precautionary Principle, this announcement takes on even more prominence, as Europe's leading food safety body reassures consumers that BPA exposure from foods is not a health concern."

The EFSA review represents yet another comprehensive government-funded reevaluation of the most current research on BPA. In issuing its findings, EFSA concluded that exposure to BPA from diet or from a combination of sources is considerably under the established safe level. EFSA not only found that BPA presents no risk to people of any age, from the unborn through adulthood, it also found exposure levels are three to five times lower than the established safe level.

The issuance of EFSA's final risk assessment concludes the organization's latest review of BPA, initiated in response to a significant number of new research studies released in recent years. EFSA consulted with numerous government agencies and stakeholders throughout the world, and conducted a public consultation period to ensure full transparency in the reevaluation process.

The EFSA conclusion is consistent with the latest reevaluation of BPA's safety conducted by the <u>U.S. Food and Drug Administration</u> and announced via its website in December 2014, and is consistent with those of other regulatory bodies around the world, who have found the low levels of BPA exposure by consumers pose no threat to human health.

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