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ECHA DECISION ON BPA IS COUNTER TO FDA AND EFSA CONCLUSIONS

Washington, D.C. (June 21, 2017) -- The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) released the following statement in response to the June 16, 2017, decision by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) to categorize bisphenol A (BPA) as an endocrine disruptor under the European Union's Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) regulation.

“It seems clear that ECHA chose politics over science in its recent decision to list BPA as an endocrine disruptor under REACH. Both the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have conducted comprehensive reviews on BPA and found current uses of BPA are ‘safe’ and ‘there was no consumer health risk from current BPA exposure.’ And both regulatory organizations continue their ongoing robust, scientific vetting of additional data being generated on BPA.

“While the decision to list BPA as an endocrine disruptor will have no immediate impact, it is very troubling that ECHA representatives chose to ignore the scientific experts’ conclusions at EFSA and FDA and instead allowed politics to influence a public safety decision.”

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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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The North American Metal Packaging Alliance 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.