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Statement of North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc.

Recent Assessment by French ANSES Out of Touch with Most Relevant Research

Yesterday the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES) released its most recent findings on the safety of bisphenol A (BPA) for human health. The following comments are attributed to Dr. John M. Rost, Chairman of the North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA):

“This most recent assessment released by ANSES should be taken with a grain of salt by any serious researcher or regulatory body considering the health effects of BPA. The assessment did not take into account the most salient studies on BPA as it relates to human health, specifically exposure to pregnant women. The main area of concern by the ANSES panel instead centered upon a single study in rats that showed only slight structural differences in mammary glands when exposed to a single daily dose of BPA at levels over 600 times higher than human exposure.

“The ANSES panel completely neglected the most comprehensive study on BPA’s effects on fetuses from maternal exposure that was recently published by researchers at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In that more relevant study, the FDA researchers administered even higher doses to a primate species as compared to rodents, and found that in primates, the level of BPA exposure to fetuses is below any level of concern due to critical physiological and metabiological differences. Had ANSES considered this more relevant study, it would have come to the same conclusion of FDA, Health Canada, and the European Food Safety Authority that the current uses of BPA in food contact materials are safe.

“The recent research conducted by the U.S. FDA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Pacific Northwest Research Laboratory only further confirms that BPA is quickly metabolized and excreted and therefore is safe when used in food contact.”

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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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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.