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California Decision to List BPA Out of Step with Scientific and Regulatory Agreement on BPA Safety

Statement of the North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. Regarding California OEHHA's Proposition 65 Decision on BPA

Washington, D.C. (May 7, 2015) – In response to the decision by California's DARTIC (Development and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee) to recommend listing Bisphenol A (BPA) as a reproductive developmental toxicant under Proposition 65, the North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) today issued the following statement, which can be attributed to NAMPA Chairman John Rost, PhD.

“DARTIC is only empaneled to look at hazard and therefore did not and cannot take into account actual exposure levels. In fact, one member was reminded during discussions that the committee should not consider what human exposures actual are in their deliberation and vote. The hazard assessment decision the panel made was disappointing but not a surprise considering the restrictions placed on the members to completely ignore exposure. Everything is toxic at some level and the panel's vote today proved that too narrow of a focus will lead to erroneous conclusions that misrepresent scientific evidence.

Today's vote is contradictory to the findings of leading regulatory bodies throughout the world that have determined BPA to be safe at the levels used in food contact applications. The weight of the evidence is on the side of BPA safety.”

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. These reviews have been affirmed by recent studies, including an April 2015 report from [Johns Hopkins](#), which found no health threat associated with BPA in newborns; concluding that infants can metabolize and excrete BPA as efficiently as adults.

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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.

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.