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National Meat Canners Association Changes Name to Shelf-Stable Food Processors Association

New Name Reflects Expanding Membership Representing Diverse Product Lines

Washington, D.C., Oct.17, 2006 -- The National Meat Canners Association (NMCA) has formally changed its name to Shelf-Stable Food Processors Association, (SSFPA) a move that underscores the group's continued growth and its expansion to include all shelf-stable food products. The name change was approved at a special meeting on Thursday, Oct.12, 2006, in Washington, D.C. and will be effective Jan.1, 2007.

“This name change was necessitated by the expansion of our membership, and reflects the fact that our members represent shelf-stable products in all sectors of the food industry,” said NMCA President Russell Potter of Hormel Foods Corporation. “It also captures the changing packaging formats and the international nature of food manufacturers we represent.”

The NMCA was founded in 1923 to promote the welfare of the sterile processed meat industry in the United States. Today the association is comprised of more than 35 companies, whose primary or secondary businesses lie in shelf-stable processed products. Members include companies of all sizes, from regional producers to large multi-plant operations.

“Our membership is not only open to shelf-stable meats, seafood and poultry, but to all other food groups as well. Our new name accurately reflects that fact,” said Potter.