



AAPPA

ASEPTIC AND ANTIMICROBIAL
PROCESSING AND PACKAGING ASSOCIATION
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Focusing on Regulation, Safety, and Best Practices

The Aseptic and Antimicrobial Processing and Packaging Association (AAPPA) is an organization that brings together food and beverage producers, processors, packaging suppliers, equipment manufacturers, and other stakeholders **to engage in state, federal, and international advocacy efforts, address communication, training, and safety education needs, and serve as the voice for the industry.**

As an association of safety-oriented, forward-thinking companies, AAPPA continues to focus on:

- Enhancing worker safety, education, and training through the development of best practices for worker protection, spill clean-up, and other safety areas; and
- Advocacy efforts for appropriate workplace exposure thresholds for aseptic processing chemicals and for sound scientific research on which to base those thresholds by:
 - Engaging with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its proposed immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) value profile for peracetic acid (PAA); and
 - Raising concerns on both the weak science used as a basis for the IDLH proposal and the serious ramifications for PAA users if the IDLH is set artificially low.

AAPPA Founding Members:



Make sure your voice is heard. Join AAPPA Today.

Membership is open to all food and beverage companies that use aseptic and antimicrobial processing technologies within their facilities, and suppliers of equipment, chemicals, or materials to those companies.

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2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Federal Regulatory Activities

- Submitted a letter to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to identify concerns with the study used as the basis for a proposed “immediately dangerous to life and health” (IDLH) value for peracetic acid (PAA), and to request an opportunity to meet with NIOSH to discuss options to develop current information for NIOSH use.
- Successfully advocated, based on AAPPA outreach, for NIOSH to reopen the comment period on the proposed PAA IDLH value.
- Submitted detailed comments to NIOSH in response to the draft IDLH value profile for PAA, including numerous anecdotal cases demonstrating that the proposed IDLH is too low.
- Coordinated with the Peroxy Compounds Task Force’s (PCTF) PAA group on its advocacy efforts with NIOSH.
- Will participate in December 2016 NIOSH listening session on its proposed IDLH value for PAA, resulting from AAPPA and other stakeholder comments urging further dialogue with NIOSH.
- Will coordinate with other stakeholders to develop a survey for aseptic processors on the interpretation and use of IDLH values within the respective industry groups with the intent to present findings at NIOSH listening session.

International Activities

- Informed members of a notice issued by the Environment and Climate Change Canada and Health Canada inviting stakeholders to provide information that will inform the path forward for the next phase (2016-2020) of the Canada Chemicals Management Plan (CMP).

Communications -- Testing -- Research

- Prepared a comparison of IDHL values for PAA with other oxidizing chemicals, such as ozone and chlorine.
- Initiated the development of a training document for the recommended practice for safe use of PAA in bottling and aseptic packaging.
- Created an AAPPA website, including members’ only page bringing together global regulations and best practices effecting the industry.