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NMA ANNOUNCES ITS AFFILIATION WITH CMMA

OAKLAND, CA and CHICAGO, IL – The Chicago Midwest Meat Association (CMMA) and National Meat Association (NMA) are pleased to announce an affiliation, effective immediately. The affiliation includes NMA providing to the CMMA members regular member services, including NMA’s regular member mailings, participation in all NMA events alongside NMA members, and a special listing as an Affiliate Association in NMA’s Membership Directory.

Nicole Makowski, President of CMMA and President of Real Sausage in Chicago said “The Board of CMMA voted unanimously to support this affiliation, because it will strengthen the CMMA members by providing them with information services and access to NMA’s well-respected industry resources. We are very pleased to have this opportunity to share resources and consider this will be a win-win for both organizations.”

Barry Carpenter, NMA CEO, said: “We welcome affiliation with established groups like the CMMA, and expect their input to strengthen the role of NMA as a major organization speaking on behalf of the meat industry. Along with the long-time affiliation of Eastern Meat Packers Association (EMPA), NMA can speak with greater knowledge and authority on behalf of the full spectrum of meat industry firms on policy issues at the national level.”

The Chicago Midwest Meat Association is comprised of meat packers, processors and wholesalers located in the Chicago-Midwest region. The CMMA, was initially created for the purpose of Union Camaraderie, but currently represents a broader spectrum including: education, fund raisers, social events, grievance committees, and collective bargaining agreements for both UFCW and Teamsters. For further information, please visit the CMMA website at www.chicagomidwestmeatasso.com

National Meat Association is a non-profit trade association. Since 1946, NMA has represented meat packers and processors, equipment manufacturers and food suppliers who provide services to the meat industry. The association has members throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Australia and Mexico.