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## **NMA Lauds California Supreme Court Decision**

OAKLAND, CA – The National Meat Association feels that the Supreme Court of California acted prudently yesterday in denying a petition for review of a lower court’s determination that California’s Proposition 65 is expressly preempted by the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA).

NMA joined American Meat Institute in filing suit in 2005 to seek a declaratory judgment that the FMIA preempts Proposition 65 with respect to the labeling of meat products. And the associations’ request was affirmed late last year by a California appellate court. The defendant petitioned for review earlier this year, but that petition has now been denied.

“This is good news for sound business practices,” said NMA CEO Barry Carpenter. “The FMIA provides national standards for meat safety. It’s important that those standards not be undermined.”

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.