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Re: Safer Products for Washington Draft Report on Regulatory Determinations; CMI Comment Extension Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Can Manufacturers Institute (CMI)¹, the national trade association of the can manufacturing industry and its suppliers, respectfully requests a 45 day extension to the current January 14, 2022, comment deadline on the Safer Products for Washington [Draft Report on Regulatory Determinations](#). With the current deadline falling over the holiday season, CMI and our members do not have adequate time to fully review the draft report and develop substantive comments. This is especially important given the impact of Safer Products for Washington's proposals to further regulate food and drink cans and impose new reporting requirements on the metal can manufacturing industry, particularly during the ongoing COVID-19 public health pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration of our comment deadline extension request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

¹ CMI is the national trade association of the metal and composite can manufacturing industry and its suppliers in the United States. The can industry accounts for the annual domestic production of approximately 119 billion food, beverage, and general can lines; which employs more than 28,000 people with plants in 33 states, Puerto Rico and American Samoa; and generates about \$17.8 billion in direct economic activity. CMI members are committed to providing safe, nutritious, and refreshing canned food and beverages to consumers.