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**PROPOSED DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF TIN
CONTAMINATION IN FOODS**

COMMENTS AT STEP 3

The following comments have been received from: Canada.

CANADA:

Canada would like to express its appreciation to the Drafting Group led by Australia for producing such a concise and well-written document, with excellent explanatory material in the Preamble Document and its Annex.

Canada believes clarification is required as to the scope of the term "Supply Chain" as used in the Title to Section B, *Recommended Practices for the "Supply Chain" in Order to Minimise Tin Uptake by Foods Packed into Plain Tinplate Cans* and in the introductory sentence in this section. Does it really pertain to all of the stakeholders delineated in the introductory sentence, including those involved in transportation and warehousing and the consumer? For clarification and simplicity we suggest re-titling Section B to *Recommended Practices to Minimise Tin Uptake by Foods Packed into Plain Tinplate Cans* and deleting the first sentence (commencing "This section addresses the complete "Supply Chain".....").

We further suggest that the first two sentences of Section B.1.1 be revised to read as follows:

"Tinplate customers should state the end use when ordering tinplate. The tinplate supplier should have sufficient expertise to ensure that specifications for the tinplate are appropriate to the stated end use and notify the customer should there be any concerns, e.g. with regard to the passivation level or the requested tin coating mass."