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**MANDATORY HEALTH WARNINGS FOR PACKAGED ALCOHOL
WELCOMED**

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHA) has welcomed today's announcement from the Australia New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council regarding the introduction of mandatory health warnings for packaged alcohol.

"The Ministerial Council today requested Food Standards Australia New Zealand to consider mandatory health warnings on packaged alcohol, and agreed to forward a progress report on this work to the Council of Australian Governments in December 2008," said Michael Moore, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the PHA.

"This follows on from the recent decision to increase the rate of tax on premixed alcohol drinks (known as 'alco-pops') and constitutes part of a broader policy approach designed to reduce current rates of harm from the inappropriate use of alcohol in our community.

"The PHA has been calling for a comprehensive approach to deal with binge drinking and appreciates the next step taken by Ministers with responsibility for food standards.

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