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Consumer Specialty Products Industry Urges Federal Government to Implement Report on Regulatory Reform

Ottawa, September 23, 2004 – The Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) is calling on the federal government to implement the recommendations of the government's External Advisory Committee on Smart Regulation, which submitted its report today in Ottawa.

"The report and its recommendations are excellent," said CCSPA Executive Director Shannon Coombs. "The committee has done a very good job of capturing the essence of the numerous regulatory challenges and problems that need to be addressed by this government."

"We fully agree Canadians should have the best regulatory system to ensure their safety," Coombs said. "However, many areas of the current system require changes in the near term to ensure Canada continues to have a competitive and innovative economy."

Coombs said, "the committee has a vision of government and Canadians working together to build a regulatory system based on trust, innovation and protection. The report reflects this vision with 73 recommendations to enhance, enable and provide responsive regulation for all Canadians. With the implementation of these recommendations, Canada will be a global leader in smart regulation."

The CCSPA is a national trade association representing Canada's consumer, industrial and institutional specialty products industry. Its mission is to enhance the ability of its member companies to conduct business fairly, ethically and effectively by fostering industry cooperation, providing a national voice for communications and developing effective partnerships with governments, other stakeholders and the public.

CCSPA member companies manufacture and market a wide range of products, including soaps and detergents; disinfectants and sanitizers; pest control products, and household and industrial cleaning products.

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