

News Release

Consumers will benefit from federal initiative to modernize Hazardous Products and Food & Drugs acts

Ottawa, December 17, 2007 – Canadian consumers will benefit from greater transparency and accountability, and better access to products and brands as a result of the federal government's announcement today of its Food and Consumer Safety Action Plan, said the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA).

"The new measures will modernize the *Hazardous Products Act* and the *Food & Drugs Act*," said CCSPA President Shannon Coombs. "We welcome this initiative and look forward to working with the federal government on this important project in 2008. These critical pieces of legislation protect Canadians, which is also a priority for CCSPA's member companies who are leaders in the responsible use of chemicals for safe and beneficial consumer and institutional products in Canada."

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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 47 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.