

## **CCSPA Welcomes the Government of Ontario's Discussions on the Use of Lawn and Garden Pest Control Products**

**Ottawa, ON -- Tuesday, January 15, 2008 --** As special interest groups today called on Premier McGuinty to move forward with legislation regarding the use of pest control products in lawn and garden care, members of the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association welcomed the dialogue and called on the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada represented by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to put science back into the discussion.

"Through research, development, environmental stewardship, and adherence to strict regulatory requirements, our members provide safe and effective products that make our lives healthier and more convenient, every day," says Shannon Coombs, President, Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association. "We believe all Canadians deserve the highest standard of safety for public health and the protection of our environment, and we call on Health Canada to join this discussion and answer legitimate questions regarding how these products are deemed safe before being registered for use."

**Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency** evaluates every registered product and all of their ingredients and examines any potential for health or environmental impact before allowing their sale in Canada. Their findings are consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, European Commission and pesticide regulators in all other OECD countries around the world.

**Ontario's Ministry of Environment** governs the use, storage, display and distribution of pest control products used by landscape professionals and homeowners, and by the horticulture, structural pest control, agricultural and vegetation management sectors.

**The Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association** is a national trade organization representing Canada's consumer, industrial and institutional specialty products industry.

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