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## **Industry Supports Government's intent to amend *Hazardous Products Act* & implement GHS in North America**

**WASHINGTON, DC; OTTAWA, ON (February 13, 2014)** – The [Consumer Specialty Products Association](#), the [Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association](#) and the [American Cleaning Institute](#) support the efforts of the Canadian and American Governments to move forward and implement the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) for the classification and labelling of workplace chemicals.

On February 11, 2014, the Canadian Government stated their intent to move forward with the legislative amendments for the *Hazardous Products Act* (HPA) in the *Budget Implementation Act*, which could be tabled as early as this week. Our industries support the Government's intent to amend the *Hazardous Products Act* (HPA) as it is the next step in completing the required legislative and regulatory amendments agreed to under the Regulatory Cooperation Council's (RCC) 2011 Action Plan for the GHS initiative.

CCSPA, ACI and CSPA have been working with the Government and all affected stakeholders for the past 2 years to ensure that the classification and labelling of workplace chemicals is modernized and aligned with the US Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) changes effective next year. By moving forward in a coordinated fashion with US OSHA, worker protection will be strengthened and costs to industry will be reduced.

"CCSPA member companies are committed to an integrated North American marketplace for workplace chemicals. Supporting this legislation will realize the goal set out in the RCC Action Plan and bring consistent and accurate information on products to workers," said Shannon Coombs, CCSPA President.

Chris Cathcart, CSPA President, said "harmonized GHS between Canada and the US will enhance competitiveness in North America and we are pleased that this initiative is moving forward."

"This initiative makes a lot of sense, both for workers and for industry," said Ernie Rosenberg, ACI President and CEO. "GHS encourages a consistent and credible information system, which gives confidence that our products are safe to use."

The next few months will be critical to ensure the passage of the legislation and the regulatory package. The 3 associations look forward to working with all officials to achieve our collective goal.

The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) is the premier trade association representing the interests of some 250 companies engaged in the manufacture, formulation, distribution and sale of \$100 billion annually in the U.S. of hundreds of familiar consumer products that help household and institutional customers create cleaner and healthier environments. Our products include disinfectants that kill germs in homes, hospitals and restaurants; candles, and fragrances and air fresheners that eliminate odors; pest management products for home, garden and pets; cleaning products and polishes for use throughout the home and institutions; products used to protect and improve the performance and appearance of automobiles; aerosol products and a host of other products used every day. Through its product stewardship program, Product Care®, and scientific and business-to-business endeavors, CSPA provides its members a platform to effectively address issues regarding the health, safety, sustainability and environmental impacts of their products. For more information, please visit [www.cspa.org](http://www.cspa.org).

The American Cleaning Institute® (home of the U.S. Cleaning Products Industry®) represents the \$30 billion U.S. cleaning products market. ACI members include the formulators of soaps, detergents, and general cleaning products used in household, commercial, industrial and institutional settings; companies that supply ingredients and finished packaging for these products; and oleochemical producers. ACI ([www.cleaninginstitute.org](http://www.cleaninginstitute.org)) and its members are dedicated to improving health and the quality of life through sustainable cleaning products and practices.

CCSPA is a national trade association that represents over 35 member companies across Canada, collectively a \$20 billion industry directly employing 12,000 people in over 120 facilities. Our companies manufacture, process, package and distribute consumer, industrial and institutional specialty products such as soaps and detergents, pest control products, aerosols, hard surface disinfectants, deodorizers and automotive chemicals.

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