

News Release

CCSPA responds to Report by Canada's Environment Commissioner tabled in Parliament today

Ottawa, January 26, 2016 - The Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) will work with Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to help deliver on their responses to recommendations released today in the Report by Canada's Environment Commissioner.

The pre-market registration process for pest control products in Canada is one of the most rigorous worldwide. The legislation and regulations governing pest control products, such as ant traps, personal insect repellents and wasp sprays, were modernized in 2006 and again evaluated in 2015 by Parliament. The Act includes requirements such as added safety factors for risk assessment and taking into account vulnerable populations such as the elderly and children. This legislation also provides transparency in how decisions are made and allows Canadians to provide thoughtful comment to regulators.

"The Environment Commissioner's audit focusses on improvements for this modern legislation and we will be working with Health Canada to participate, where needed, to fulfill their responses to these recommendations", said Shannon Coombs, President, CCSPA. "Regulatory process can always be improved; and by working together, we can only enhance the implementation of the Act and regulation by the Government's officials."

Canada's *Pest Control Products Act* and Health Canada's PMRA deliver a comprehensive federal regulatory regime designed to scientifically assess the safety, value and merit of pest control products prior to their availability on the market. All registered pest control products undergo a rigorous health, safety and efficacy review prior to their placement in the marketplace. Only those products that are deemed by the PMRA to meet the strictest standards for health, safety and efficacy are approved by the federal government. Pesticides are highly scientific tools designed to solve specific pest problems and CCSPA and our members promote the use of the right product at the right time.

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For more information on the initiative, please refer to the CCSPA's website at <http://www.healthycleaning101.org> or contact Shannon Coombs, CCSPA President, (613) 232-6616, ext. 11 or 613-791-2480, coombss@ccspa.org.

CCSPA is a national trade association that represents 35 member companies across Canada, collectively a \$20 billion industry directly employing 12,000 people in over 100 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.