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## Canadian Government committed to world-leading Chemicals Management Plan

**May 31, 2016 - Ottawa** - The Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) is pleased that the Government of Canada has committed \$490 million for the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) in the May 30, 2016, announcement. This continued support and commitment ensures the protection of Canadians' health and safety, and their environment.

The CMP is a world-leading, comprehensive approach to substance management. Announced in 2006, the plan has built upon the rigorous, science-based regulatory regime currently in place; and CCSPA says Canadian consumers are well served by the program and its results to date.

"We see the commitment as a continuation of Canada's world-leading initiative in this area," says Shannon Coombs, President, CCSPA, "and we will work proactively with the government as the third phase of the plan as it is implemented. CCSPA's key pillars for program delivery is that actions are based on sound science, due process for downstream users and effective communications to Canadians. To date, the program has delivered these essential elements; and we have the same expectation going forward."

CCSPA was pleased to provide our perspective on the CMP program during the current review of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA) at the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Environment & Sustainable Development. This gave our industry an opportunity to profile the successes of the program and provide our recommendations to enhance communications to Canadians.

"Canadians can be confident that regulated ingredients and products are safe when used according to the products' directions and that various Canadian laws and regulations govern all substances, products and their labelling. As we move forward and work with the government on this important plan, we are confident Canada will continue to use the best science available and that all stakeholders will continue to collaborate to further protect Canadians and our environment," Coombs says.

Further information can be found at the following website: [www.healthycleaning101.org](http://www.healthycleaning101.org)

**About Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association** ([www.ccspa.org](http://www.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 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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