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**Canadian Government Works Quickly to Ensure the Movement of Disinfectants and Sanitizer Products for Consumers and Workers**

**March 19, 2020 – Ottawa, Ontario** - Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) joins our Member Companies across Canada in applauding the Canadian and American governments for working quickly to keep the border open for disinfectant and sanitizer products. Protecting the supply chain and ensuring the free flow of these products across our border is key in our collective efforts to ensure the safety of our citizens. We would also like to acknowledge the provincial/territorial leadership across Canada to ensure that production of our products can be maximized and that the supply chain is allowed to deliver effective product to consumers.

During this unprecedented time, we have seen considerable increase in the use and purchase of soap, disinfectants and sanitizers by consumers and workplaces. CCSPA has been working tirelessly to ensure product availability for the Canadian marketplace and the continued movement of these products through an open border, which allows these goods to be brought to consumers.

“CCSPA and our members are committed to working with all Governments to protect the health and safety of Canadians. The close coordination between Canada and the US will ensure that all citizens are protected during this pandemic. By working together, we can achieve these goals,” says CCSPA President, Shannon Coombs.

CCSPA is a national trade association that represents 35 member companies in 87 facilities across Canada. 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. We are a \$20 billion industry directly employing over 12,000 people, with annual exports of \$1 billion. CCSPA also provides an excellent website – a one-stop source of information for Canadians about our products and their benefits – at <http://www.healthycleaning101.org/>.

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