

News Release –

Canadians will benefit from federal budget commitment to enhance safety for consumer and health products

Ottawa, February 27, 2008 – Consumers will benefit from greater transparency and accountability, and have continued access to safe and effective products and brands as a result of \$113 million in funding the federal government provided in the 2008 budget for the Food and Consumer Safety Action Plan, according to the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA).

“Ministers Flaherty and Clement have taken an important step to ensure the resources are in place to modernize the *Hazardous Products Act* and the *Food & Drugs Act*, and enhance the current regulatory framework,” said CCSPA President Shannon Coombs.

“We welcome this initiative and look forward to working with the federal government on this important project in 2008. These critical pieces of legislation will protect Canadians, which is also a priority for CCSPA's member companies who are leaders in the responsible use of chemicals for safe and beneficial consumer and institutional products in Canada.”

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CCSPA is a national trade association representing Canada's consumer, industrial and institutional specialty products industry. Its mission is to enhance the ability of its 47 member companies to conduct business fairly, ethically and effectively by fostering industry cooperation, providing a national voice for communications and developing effective partnerships with governments, other stakeholders and the public.