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CCSPA and our members thank all Parliamentarians for their comprehensive review of Amendment Package S-5 for the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)*

June 14, 2023 - Ottawa - On behalf of the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) Board of Directors and member companies, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health, on the passage and royal assent of the amendment package S-5 for CEPA. We would also like to thank all Senators and Members of Parliament for their efforts on this important bill over the past many months.

“All Canadians can feel proud that the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA) continues to prove itself as progressive, adaptable, and world-leading legislation for chemicals. The new amendments support Canada’s continued role as a world leader in chemicals management and ensures substances are addressed based on sound science using modern and flexible policy tools and regulations. CCSPA looks forward to a continued dialogue with Federal Government and all stakeholders on this important legislation”, says Shannon Coombs, President, Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association.

Canadian consumers are protected by a complement of evidence-based laws and regulations, grounded in science, that ensure consumer products and their ingredients are safe when used according to label directions. CEPA enables the world leading Chemicals Management Plan, which is the key legislative framework for the ingredients used in our industry. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Federal Government on the implementation of these new amendments and supporting meaningful outcomes for Canadian consumers.

CCSPA is a national trade association that represents 40 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 a one-stop source of information for Canadians about our products and their benefits – at <https://healthycleaning101.org/>.

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