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**CCSPA and our members thank Parliamentarians for their study on the Proposed Biocide Regulations:
Potential Trade-Related Impacts**

April 19, 2024 - Ottawa – During the pandemic, Canadians faced many challenges including access to products that protected them, their homes, schools and workplaces. CCSPA members ensured safe and effective products were brought to the marketplace. At our testimony to the Parliamentary Committee on International Trade (CIIT) in late 2023, we highlighted the leadership of Health Canada and our industry to not only respond to the needs of Canadians but to create a proposed regulatory framework that:

- Supports good public policy for all Canadians.
- Increases product availability and innovation, and promotion of a competitive marketplace.
- Advances our collective objectives of regulatory modernization and agility.
- Compliments Government of Canada's broader strategies, including addressing ongoing drug shortage challenges, supply chain disruption, and applying lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic for future emergency preparedness.

CCSPA is pleased that the CIIT recommendations to the Government of Canada, published April 18, 2024, recognize the need for a thoughtful and well-resourced implementation and transition once these regulations have been approved by Cabinet and published in *Canada Gazette*, Part II. We believe that all of the industry who provides these products to Canadians is equally entitled to properly access transition and review processes during this time of change. CCSPA fully supports the resource increase which should establish a Health Canada coordinating leadership function to support policy and science integration for these products. This function would enable a more effective and efficient transition and implementation.

CCSPA is a national trade association that represents 42 member companies in 84 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 \$5.5 billion industry directly employing over 8,000 people, with annual exports of \$2 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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