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### **Biocides in Canada - A New Path has been Chartered**

**June 25, 2024 - Ottawa** - On June 19, 2024, the Government of Canada published final *Biocides Regulations*. These regulations will support a risk-based and agile regulatory framework for disinfectants and sanitizers and applies key learnings from recent global events, including the COVID-19 pandemic and weakened supply chains. This regulation responds to those learnings by offering a 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.

The development of these regulations has been a collaboration with policy makers across Government and industry. As we continue to engage on implementation beginning May 31, 2025, we welcome the continued dialogue with Government on resourcing and operational readiness to ensure a seamless transition for both Health Canada and industry.

*"Canada is leading the way by enabling the regulatory system to be responsive, flexible, science-based and effective for these safe and beneficial products. To all the Parliamentarians and many people within Government who contributed to this framework over the last four years, many thanks."* Shannon Coombs, President, CCSPA.

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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