

CCSPA on the National Stage in Ottawa!
Prime Minister Stephen Harper Attends
Annual CCSPA/Federal Government Interface - April 8, 2008



The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health; and the Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food attended the Annual CCSPA/Federal Government Interface meeting to announce the introduction of a bill to create the new *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act* and propose amendments to the *Food and Drugs Act*. These pieces of legislation have not been amended in over 50 years! As well, the Prime Minister made special mention of our voluntary ingredient communication initiative announced on April 2, 2008. This announcement was also welcomed by the Canadian Cancer Society and the Lung Association of Canada.

"...and a special thank you to our host today, the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association. For 50 years, this organization has been at the forefront of advocating for consumer safety. Just last week, for instance, the CCSPA announced an industry led initiative to inform Canadians of the ingredients of such household products as cleaning solutions and polishes. The initiative provides accountability and transparency and this organization and your member companies are to be commended for this leadership. So through President Shannon Coombs, I want to thank all of you for your dedicated efforts in this regard. Thank you again for hosting us. Give yourselves a hand!"



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<http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/media.asp?id=2059>

Link to the Prime Minister's Photo Gallery:

http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/media_gallery.asp?media_category_id=208&media_category_typ_id=3

Link to CCSPA's Photo Gallery:

<http://www.ccsa.org/calendar/2008april08photogallery.pdf>