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Subject: Request for Communications on Essential Services during the Pandemic
Importance: High

Dear Pierre

On behalf of CCSPA, I would firstly like to thank you and your team at Health Canada for their responsiveness and collaboration with industry during this health crisis, as well as your dedication to innovative thinking, to ensure Canadians have continued access to the products they need to keep them healthy and safe. Over the past few weeks, we have worked closely with your branch, both at the Natural and Non-prescription Health Products Directorate (NNHPD) and the Regulatory Operations Enforcement Branch (ROEB) with the goal of maintaining and increasing, where possible, the supply of disinfectants and sanitizers, both to households and to front line health care workers.

As this unprecedented situation evolves, CCSPA is increasingly hearing concerns from industry regarding the absence of a definition for “essential services”. Clear communication is of utmost importance now, as provinces and territories continue to declare states of emergency over the coronavirus pandemic. These declarations have left many in our industry uncertain around where their services fall and how to communicate to employees who may have concerns about coming to work. This leaves the supply chain vulnerable to significant disruption.

As such, to address this serious issue, I am asking for your leadership in ensuring that the supply chain that enables these products to reach consumers is preserved, and that manufacturing plants and distribution/ warehouse centres continue to operate at full capacity. What industry needs now is the development of clear communication around essential services so that we can continue to deliver much-needed disinfectant and sanitizer products to Canadians. We have been in communication with various provinces and Health Canada guidance is needed.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. I would be pleased to discuss at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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