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Annual CSPA Survey Shows Third Highest Year for U.S. Aerosol Production; North America Holds One-third Global Market Share

Washington, DC (May 7, 2008) – The 57th annual Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) *Aerosol Pressurized Products Survey* has revealed 2007 as the third highest year for U.S. aerosol production, with North America maintaining a one-third market share of global aerosol production. Personal care and household products rank as the two strongest product sectors.

“Our survey shows the North American aerosol industry remains strong,” said CSPA President Chris Cathcart. “We commend the CSPA Survey Committee for their hard work to help make this year’s survey a comprehensive and reliable picture of the industry.”

The survey, which reports the unit volume of aerosols filled and shipped for domestic use in 2007, as well as estimates for Canadian and Mexican production, continues to serve as the primary index for assessing the economic status of the North American aerosol products industry.

The survey estimates overall unit production of 3.655 billion aerosols in the United States for 2007. This represents a 0.7% decrease from last year, the second highest year. 2005 was the highest year with 3.738 billion. CSPA estimates total North American aerosol production in 2007 as 4.106 billion units, which includes Canadian fillings of 190 million units and Mexican fillings of 261 million units.

Other findings of the survey include:

- Personal Care Products increased for the third time in four years, and returned to its place as the largest product sector, exceeding household products.
- Insect Sprays, Paints and Finishes, and Animal Products such as pesticides experienced growth.
- Food Products—including cooking sprays, cheese spreads and whipped cream—decreased for the first time in ten years.
- Automotive, Lubricants and Industrial Products, and Miscellaneous Products also declined.
- Aerosol containers manufactured and shipped in the U.S. increased 1.3% from 2006.
- Aluminum containers continued to grow fastest, increasing 14.7%.

- There was a 1.1% production decrease from 2006 for valve manufacturers.
- Aerosol fillings included production of 2.863 billion tinplate containers, more than 500 million aluminum containers, and 291,942 glass containers.

“The strength of the industry is based on the utility and benefits of aerosol products, which are one of the most environmentally compatible forms of packaging,” Cathcart concluded.

Aerosol products:

- reduce waste through their long product shelf life and minimum spillage;
- provide important safety benefits by being tamper-resistant and tamper-evident; and
- require no mixing.

For more information on aerosol products, visit www.AboutAerosols.com.

Copies of the survey are available to CSPA members for \$95.00 and nonmembers for \$495.00. A limited number of reports from past years also are available. Order online under “publications orders” on the CSPA website at www.cspa.org or send a check or money order to CSPA at 900 17th Street N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

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About CSPA

The Consumer Specialty Products Association is a non-profit national trade association representing some 250 companies engaged in the manufacture, formulation, distribution and sale of hundreds of familiar consumer products. It is organized into seven divisions: Aerosol Products, Air Care, Antimicrobial Products, Cleaning Products, Pest Management Products, Industrial and Automotive Specialty Chemicals, and Polishes and Floor Maintenance. For more information, please visit www.cspa.org.

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