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First Stericycle Recall Index captures comprehensive view of Recall Trends in Canada

Stericycle's Canadian data offers insights into the past year

Toronto, ON – May 4, 2017 – Stericycle Canada announced today the release of their first-ever Canadian Recall Index. This index is a Canadian version of the well-known U.S. Recall Index, which Stericycle ExpertSOLUTIONS™ has released annually for the past five years. The index outlines Canadian recall trends and provides insights into the 2016 Canadian recalls in the consumer, food and beverage, and health industries.

The inaugural Canadian index highlights how the rapid pace of innovation, which brings more advanced products to market each year, has increased the rate of recalls. Technical innovation is also seen as a contributing factor to higher recall volumes in some areas due to technology's improved ability to detect errors and/or contamination.

The index reveals that overall product recalls have been on the decline since 2014. However, consumer product recalls have increased significantly in 2016, with the highest number of recalls in the past three years. Children's products led as the largest consumer product recall category, the second time this category has led since 2014.

The food and beverage industry had experienced a sharp decrease in recalls in previous years, though had a slight increase in 2016. Nearly half of all food and beverage recalls were due to allergens, with a majority stemming from eggs and dairy. The second largest category of food and beverage recalls is microbiological, due to new health safety technologies that make detecting bacteria easier.

Health products experienced a slight decline in recalls over the past two years. The leader in this category continues to be medical devices, making up over 80 per cent of all health product recalls. Of concern is the moderate increase in drug recalls (the second most common health product recall).

"As the 2016 data illustrates, the Canadian market is not immune to the trend of multinational product recalls, which have impacted more consumers than in previous years," said Alex Tamburini, Senior National Director, Stericycle ExpertSOLUTIONS. "On average, one-third of all recalls impact both the U.S. and Canada, requiring multinational companies to develop a North American strategy to manage the situation. We're also seeing a more heightened sense of responsibility from small- to mid-sized companies to prevent consumer injury and minimize commercial impact."

To view the entire Canadian Recall Index, please visit [here](#).

About the Stericycle Canadian Recall Index

Stericycle's Canadian Recall Index analyzes data from the Government of Canada's Healthy Canadians website, which consolidates recalls and advisories issued by three government agencies: Health Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Transport Canada. Stericycle then presents their findings across three product categories: consumer products, food & beverage, and health products. The Recall Index works to help manufacturers and other industry stakeholders navigate the regulatory environment and identify trends.



About Stericycle ExpertSOLUTIONS™

Stericycle Inc. is a NASDAQ-listed global business-to-business services company which provides highly specialized solutions to healthcare and commercial businesses of all sizes. Founded in 1989, Stericycle Inc. has grown to become a leader across a range of complex and highly regulated market sectors and operates in 650 locations in 22 countries. Stericycle ExpertSOLUTIONS™ is the industry leader in managing automotive, consumer product, pharmaceutical, medical device, juvenile product, and food and beverage recalls. ExpertSOLUTIONS streamlines the entire product recall process and manages Notification & Response, Processing & Tracking, and Compliance & Reporting for leading global companies. For more information, visit www.stericycle.ca

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