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ICPHSO Announces Recipient of 2019 Ross Koeser Achievement Award

Washington, D.C. February 27, 2019 — The International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO) announced today at its **2019 Annual Meeting and Training Symposium** in Washington, D.C., that Marc J. Schoem, long-time ICPHSO volunteer, former ex-officio ICPHSO Board Member representing the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and current ICPHSO Executive Director, is the **2019 Ross Koeser Achievement Award** recipient.

The award, given annually, recognizes an ICPHSO member for their significant contributions to the organization. The award was created in 2015 after the retirement of ICPHSO founding member and first Executive Director, Ross Koeser. The award was presented to Marc Schoem by last year's recipient, Carol Pollack-Nelson, Ph.D. and ICPHSO President Belinda May, at the opening plenary session of CPSC Day on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, which featured presentations by Acting CPSC Chairman Ann Marie Buerkle, Commissioner Robert Adler and CPSC staff.

Prior to his retirement from the CPSC as Deputy Director, Office of Compliance and Field Operations, in October 2015, Schoem served as the long-time ex-officio ICPHSO Board Member and liaison between ICPHSO and CPSC. Schoem was instrumental in helping develop the popular 'CPSC Compliance Day' sessions that have become a hallmark of ICPHSO's Annual Symposium for over 20 years. As a result of these sessions, the regulated industry can hear directly from regulators from the United States and other regulators throughout the world, receiving practical guidance covering global reporting requirements and regulations, and thus contributing to the safety of consumer products globally.

During Schoem's ICPHSO volunteer years, he served on many symposium planning committees, and chaired the conference planning for multiple regional training workshops. Schoem participated in numerous panels as both a moderator and speaker, representing the regulatory position for many different issues including reporting requirements under Section 15, conducting effective recalls, working with the

regulated industry, developing product safety programs within firms and many other topics.

In October 2015, Schoem became ICPHSO's Executive Director following his retirement after more than 40 years at the CPSC.

As Executive Director, Marc leads the organization, consisting of consumer product health and safety professionals throughout the world, who regularly come together at both domestic and international training meetings and symposiums to exchange ideas, share information and address health and safety issues affecting consumers. These training meetings and symposiums provide an inclusive and non-partisan global dialogue between all parties involved with consumer product health and safety.

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ICPHSO, founded in 1993, and celebrating 26th year, is the only organization which attracts a global membership of health and safety professionals and meets annually to exchange ideas, share information, and address health and safety concerns affecting all consumers. ICPHSO members represent U.S. and global government agencies, manufacturers, importers, retailers, trade associations, certification/testing laboratories, law firms, academia, standards writing organizations, consultants, media and consumer advocacy groups. More information is available on ICPHSO's website at: www.icphso.org.