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### **Ecolab Welcomes Senate Passage of Bipartisan Russia PNTR Legislation**

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab welcomes the passage of bipartisan legislation in the U.S. Senate to establish permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) with Russia.

"We commend the House and now the Senate for their approval of the legislation, and encourage swift action from the President," said Ecolab Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Douglas M. Baker, Jr.

Ecolab supports enactment of PNTR with Russia given the size of the Russian economy and the considerable export opportunities that this presents for U.S. companies.

#### **About Ecolab**

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