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Update on Canadian Consumer Product Safety Legislation

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Legislative Framework

- Updating *Food and Drugs Act* (incl. cosmetics) and the *Hazardous Products Act* (consumer products, workplace chemicals)
- Incorporation of generic requirements for consumer products depending on accepted international standards
- Reporting of incidents and defects with planned corrective action
- Addressing counterfeit certification marks



Chemicals Management Plan

- **Similar to REACH – coordinated approach to addressing substances that may be harmful to human health and the environment**
- **Follow up with industry on 200 priority chemicals requiring demonstration of how they are safely managing the risk to health and the environment**
- **More information: www.chemicalsubstances.gc.ca**
- **In parallel: proposed regulations limiting VOC content in consumer products (paints, cosmetics, cleaning products)**



GHS - Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

- Proceeding with technical evaluation and consultation with stakeholders regarding the adoption of GHS for consumer and workplace chemicals
- Drafting of revised regulations expected to begin early next year
- More information: www.healthcanada.gc.ca/ghs



Mandatory Ingredient Labelling of Cosmetics

- In effect as of November 16th, 2006
- Using International Nomenclature for Cosmetic Ingredients (INCI) labelling system
- Ingredient list needs to appear on the label of the cosmetic (outer label only, if more than one label) in order to be legally sold in Canada
- More information: www.healthcanada.gc.ca/cosmetics



Toys and Children's Products

- Review of *Hazardous Products (Toys) Regulations* to address gaps, harmonization, ease of use
- Continued implementation of the Lead Risk Reduction Strategy
- Continued inspection and sampling programme for children's jewellery
- Regulatory options to address phthalates in toys and children's products
- Regulatory options to address infant bath seats



Other Consumer Products

- Revision of cigarette ignition test and Canadian standard for open-flame ignition of mattresses
- Regulatory options to address flammability of upholstered furniture
- Consolidation of current ban on relight candles to include labelling requirements and ban on lead wicks
- Regulations for ozone generators
- Regulations for blind and curtain cords with performance and labelling requirements



Canada Border Services Agency: Advance Commercial Information Project

- **Harmonized risk scoring and advance trade data, automated risk assessment**
- **Electronic data sharing with govt departments for high risk, targeted imports**
- **Expedite border clearance of low risk products with pre-approval programmes**



For more information:

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Listserve:

- **Consumer Products:**
www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/advisories-avis/_subscribe-abonnement/index_e.html
- **Cosmetics:**
www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/person/cosmet/subscribe-abonnement/index_e.html
- **WHMIS:**
www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/occup-travail/whmis-simdut/reg-org/mail_list-liste_distribution_e.html

