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CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PASSES CANADIAN CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT (CCPSA) ^{1,2}

On 15th December 2010, the Canadian Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA) was signed into law by the Canadian Government. The CCPSA replaces Part I of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and overhauls safety regulations which have not been updated for the past 40 years. The CCPSA is expected to enhance consumer safety in Canada as well as enable the government to take effective actions with regard to the safety of consumer products.

The CCPSA can be summarised into the following points:

- The Act prohibits the manufacture, import, advertising and the sale of consumer products in Canada that would pose unreasonable danger to consumers.
- It requires the manufacturers or the importers to provide testing or study results when requested.
- It requires the manufacturers or the importers to keep appropriate records so products can be traced.



¹ [Harper Government's Consumer Product Safety Act Receives Royal Assent](#), Consumer Product Safety Act, Canada News Centre, , access date 22 December 2010

² [Statutes of Canada 2001, Chapter 21](#)

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- It requires industries to report a serious incident or death related to the use of their consumer products. The information provided must be submitted in a timely manner.
- It allows relevant authorities to inspect products and their related documents.
- It authorises Health Canada to initiate product recalls.
- It raises the level of fines and penalties for non-compliance.

According to the Canadian News Centre's press release, an accelerated implementation plan is being developed to facilitate the CCPSA coming into force in the next few months, although the exact date has not been given. During this

implementation phase, the Canadian government aims to engage with industry members and to provide information on new restrictions and obligations under this Act.

SGS will follow up and provide information about developments in the regulations for consumer products as a complimentary service. Through our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a wide range of services including physical/mechanical testing, analytical testing and consultancy work for technical and non-technical parameters applicable to a comprehensive range of consumer products. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.



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