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CANADA PROPOSES TO AMEND THE CONSUMER PRODUCTS CONTAINING LEAD (CONTACT WITH MOUTH) REGULATIONS

Canada has announced a Regulatory Initiative to amend the Consumer Products Containing Lead (Contact with Mouth) Regulations. A 75-day period for public comments is expected to take place during the Fall of 2014.

In June 2014, Health Canada announced a Regulatory Initiative to amend the Consumer Products Containing Lead (Contact with Mouth) Regulations (SOR/2010-273)¹. The aim of the proposed regulatory amendment is to develop regulations to restrict lead content to no more than 90 mg/kg in consumer products intended for use by a child or an adult in caring for a child. The proposed scope of products is:

- Childcare articles
- Clothing and accessories for children under 14 years old
- Products intended for play and learning for children aged 3-13

Canadians will have the opportunity to provide additional input during the Canada Gazette, Part 1 public comment period, which is expected to take place during the Fall of 2014 and will last 75 days.

Highlights of the Regulatory Initiative and the existing requirements in the Consumer Products Containing Lead (Contact with Mouth) Regulations (SOR/2010-273) are summarised in Table 1.



¹ [Regulatory Initiative](#)

TABLE 1.

	CANADA CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT (CCPSA)	
	Consumer Products Containing Lead (Contact with Mouth) Regulations: SOR/2010-273	Regulatory Initiative: Amendments to the Consumer Products Containing Lead Regulations (Contact with Mouth) – Forward Regulatory Plan 2014-2016
Substance	Lead	Lead
Scope	- Products, other than kitchen utensils, that are brought into contact with the user's mouth in the course of normal use - Products intended for use in play or learning by children under three years of age	- Products intended for play and learning for children aged 3-13 - Childcare articles - Clothing and accessories for children under 14 years old
Requirement	≤ 90 mg/kg (accessible)	≤ 90 mg/kg (accessible)
Remark	—	75-Day period for public comment expected to take place during Fall of 2014
Effective Date	November 2010	—

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