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## ***New Canada Consumer Product Safety Act receives Royal Assent***

**Attention: Consumer Product Manufactures, Importers, Distributors and Retailers**

**ISSUE:**

- **The Government of Canada has passed the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act*. This new legislation provides sweeping reforms to Canada's product safety regime and includes many provisions that will impact how you do business in Canada.**
- **Some of the new legislative provisions include:**
  - A requirement for companies to report product safety incidents to Health Canada within two days followed by a more substantive report in ten days;
  - Onerous record keeping provisions for manufacturers, importers and distributors;
  - A requirement for manufacturers or importers to provide test/study results on products when asked by Health Canada; and
  - Increased fines for criminal penalties and mandatory recalls powers for the Minister.
- **The enforcement date for these new obligations has not yet been set but could take effect after the second quarter of 2011. All sizes of companies will have to comply.**
- **Health Canada is developing an "accelerated implementation plan" and is consulting on draft policies that will complement provisions in the Act.**
- **The draft Mandatory Reporting Policy has flagged many problematic provisions which industry will need to address to ensure that Canada's new product safety regime can be complied with by those in the business of delivering safe products to Canadians.**
- **This new legislation and related policies will have far reaching implications for how you manage your business in Canada. Future draft policies are expected in January.**

For more information on how these new provisions will impact your business please contact **Gil Barrows** (613-783-3444, [gbarrows@globalpublic.com](mailto:gbarrows@globalpublic.com)) or **Michael Mactaggart** (613-783-3455, [mmactaggart@globalpublic.com](mailto:mmactaggart@globalpublic.com)).