



## Canadian Consumer Product Safety Act Reintroduced

The Canadian Consumer Product Safety Act (Bill C-36) was reintroduced by the Federal Government on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This is the third attempt by the government to pass this legislation as the most recent version - Bill C-6 died when Parliament was prorogued in December 2009.

The intent of this new legislation is to allow greater protection for the consumer relating to products that are a danger to human health or safety. Such provisions will include mandatory reporting of serious product related incidents, dramatically increased fines for violations and new powers for the government to order recalls and create new regulations for products or product classes.

Some notable changes in the proposed Act include:

- Specifically states that the Act will not apply Natural Health Products
- Recall and corrective measures will be ordered by the Minister of Health, not by Inspectors

Full text of Bill C-36 is available at:

<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Docid=4606148&file=4>

