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**PMRA
Safety Data Regulations
For
Pest Control Products**

PMRA is about to introduce Safety Data Regulations for Pest Control Products.

Under the recently enacted “new” Pest Control Products Act, the agency will be introducing regulations with regard to the provision of Safety Information on registered pest control products. Within the workplace environment, Pesticides have been exempt from WHMIS and the requirement of a Material Safety Data Sheet. New regulations were first proposed in 2004 and have since undergone extensive discussion and review with industry and other stakeholders.

PMRA have indicated there will be significant changes to the original proposal including such aspects as the form and content following closely that which is in place for non-pesticide products. The agency is proposing that MSDS for pesticide products follow a 16 section format in anticipation of the implementation of the Global Harmonization System (GHS). The regulations are not expected to apply to Domestic Class products.

The “introduction” is projected for initial publication in the Canada Gazette I in the Fall of 2008 which will be followed by an appropriate period for comments.

