

Be Ready When Health Canada Comes Knocking:

McCarthy Tétrault's Health Canada Audit Toolkit

Manufacturers, importers and retailers are subject to strict obligations under the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act*. Under the Act, Health Canada has sweeping powers to audit and inspect your company and compel information to verify compliance with the Act. Audits can cover a wide range of topics, including product testing and safety compliance, compliance with incident reporting and record keeping obligations, and adequacy of recall measures.

We have helped a number of companies navigate Health Canada audits and inquiries and have gained valuable insight into what triggers an audit and what companies can expect from the process. We have recently been seeing increased audit activity, and large companies and companies who have had contact with Health Canada in the past seem to be receiving attention. McCarthy Tétrault's Health Canada Audit Toolkit can help your company be ready for an audit, and we can help you navigate one if you have already been contacted by Health Canada. For more information please contact one of our national team members:

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About the CCPSA



The [Canada Consumer Product Safety Act](#) received Royal Assent in late 2010, and it came into force on June 20, 2011. The Act is administered by Health Canada, and applies to a wide variety of consumer products, but excludes products like motor vehicles and their integral parts, food, drugs (including natural health products) and animals, which are regulated by other Canadian laws.

Key provisions of the Act include:

- Reporting requirements of incidents by industry to Health Canada, and potentially product suppliers.
- Preparing and maintaining certain documents.
- Provision of information on product safety.
- General prohibitions related to the manufacture, importation sale or advertisement of some consumer products.
- Prohibitions to packaging and labelling.

For more information, [please click here](#).