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## **ASSOCIATED PACKAGING ENTERPRISES CANADA INC. FINED \$80,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

CAMBRIDGE, Ont. – Associated Packaging Enterprises Canada Inc., a manufacturer of food packaging products which operates a plant in Cambridge, Ont., was fined \$80,000 on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious burns to the arm of a worker.

On September 18, 2004, a worker at Associated Packaging's plant on Franklin Blvd. in Cambridge was cleaning rollers on a continuous rotary thermal forming line, a machine with a large heated forming wheel used to manufacture trays. The wheel is maintained at a temperature of between 350 to 400 degrees Fahrenheit (176.7 to 204.4 degrees Celsius). The worker was on a platform at the top of the wheel that has a guardrail that opens into the machine, and was cleaning rollers by hand with a sponge. While reaching to retrieve a piece of plastic debris, the worker's arm became caught between a roller and the wheel. The worker received third degree burns to the left arm, resulting in permanent impairment to the arm.

A Ministry of Labour investigation determined that the worker was not properly informed, instructed or supervised in the cleaning of the machine, as required by the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Associated Packaging Enterprises Canada Inc. pleaded guilty to failing, as an employer, to provide information, instruction and supervision to a worker to protect the health and safety of the worker. This was contrary to Section 25(2)(a) of the act.

Justice of the Peace Jeanette P. De Jong of the Ontario Court of Justice in Cambridge fined the company \$80,000. In addition, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

**Location:** Ontario Court of Justice  
152 Main Street, Courtroom 103  
Cambridge, Ontario

**Judge:** Justice of the Peace Jeanette P. De Jong

**Date / Time:** March 28, 2006, 9 a.m.

**Defendant:** Associated Packaging Enterprises Canada Inc.

**Matter:** Occupational Health & Safety

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