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## **INTEGRATED PACKAGING FILMS INC. FINED \$50,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

KITCHENER, Ont. – Integrated Packaging Films Inc., an Ayr, Ont.-based manufacturer of plastic used in packaging, was fined \$50,000 on February 14, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in a serious arm injury to an employee.

On May 10, 2004, a worker was standing near a machine used in the production of plastic when the worker's arm became caught in rollers and was drawn into the machine and was injured. A second worker stopped the machine by hitting an emergency stop button. A Ministry of Labour investigation found the machine had no guarding device to prevent access to the rollers' pinch point. The incident occurred at the company's plant at 15 Waydom Drive in Ayr, a town located about 24 kilometres (15 miles) south of Kitchener.

Integrated Packaging Films Inc. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure an in-running nip hazard or any part of the machine that could endanger a worker's safety was equipped with, and guarded by, a guarding device, as required by Section 25 of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(a) of the act.

The fine were imposed by Justice of the Peace Robert Gay of the Ontario Court of Justice in Kitchener. 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  
77 Queen Street North, Courtroom 102  
Kitchener, Ontario

**Judge:** Justice of the Peace Robert Gay

**Date / Time:** February 14, 2006, 11:30 a.m.

**Defendant:** Integrated Packaging Films Inc.

**Matter:** Occupational Health & Safety

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