

Amendments to the *Patented Medicines Regulations, 1994* – Publication in the *Canada Gazette, Part II*

Work has progressed on amending the *Patented Medicines Regulations, 1994*, since original proposals were first published in the *Canada Gazette, Part I*, on December 31, 2005. Since then, stakeholder comments were received and we have met with Rx&D, the association for Canada's research-based pharmaceutical companies. Further revisions have been made as a result of all the feedback we received.

The revised regulatory package, including an updated Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement (RIAS), was recently presented to the Minister of Health for approval. Upon ministerial approval, the package will be submitted to the Treasury Board Cabinet Committee for approval for final publication in the *Canada Gazette, Part II*. The regulations will come into force on the day on which they are registered. ■