

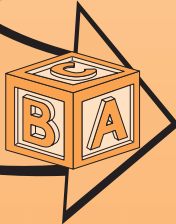


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Quick Reference Guide to the *Hazardous Products Act* for Manufacturers, Importers, Distributors and Retailers

Consumer Product Safety of Health Canada establishes and enforces safety standards for consumer products. Our general mandate, under the ***Hazardous Products Act***, includes “*any product, material or substance that is or contains a poisonous, toxic, flammable, explosive, corrosive, infectious, oxidizing or reactive product... (which) is or is likely to be a danger to the health and safety of the public; or any product designed for household, garden or personal use, for use in sports or recreational activities, as life-saving equipment or as a toy, plaything or equipment for the use by children... (which) is or is likely to be a danger to the health or safety of the public because of its design, construction or contents.*”

This information has been prepared to provide an overview of the legislation. It is not intended to substitute for, supersede or limit the requirements under the legislation. In case of any discrepancy between this summary and the legislation, the legislation will prevail. Take note that in some cases, more than one federal Act may apply to the listed products in the attached tables.

The **Hazardous Products Act**, as it relates to consumer products, consists of two parts. Items included in Part I of Schedule I (see Table 1) are **banned** from import, sale, or advertisement in Canada. Products included in Part II of Schedule I (see Table 2) must meet specific **regulations** in order to be imported, sold or advertised in Canada.

In addition to banned or regulated items, some products must meet **voluntary standards** (see Table 3). These standards have been negotiated between industry and government. Products that are **non-regulated but of concern** are listed in Table 4.

Cosmetic preparations are subject to the provisions of the **Food and Drugs Act** (<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/F-27/index.html>) and its Regulations regarding composition, safety, labelling and advertising.

Non-food consumer products are also subject to the **Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act** regarding bilingual labelling, deceptive packaging and net quantity declaration. This information can be found at the Industry Canada website: <http://strategis.gc.ca/>.

For more information contact the Consumer Product Safety office of Health Canada nearest you (see Table 5).

Table I

BANNED ITEMS <i>Hazardous Products Act</i> Part I of Schedule I http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/index.html		
Product	Banned Condition(s)	Item #
Aerosol containers	containing vinyl chloride propellant	23
Asbestos products that are destined for application by spraying except those encapsulated with a binder and which are not friable after drying	containing asbestos	40
Asbestos	consumer products other than those listed elsewhere containing asbestos fibres and in addition those containing fibrous erionite	37
Audible signal appliances, control units, smoke detectors, heat detectors for use in fire alarm systems in the home	not meeting ULC standard	33
Balloon blowing kits	containing an organic solvent	21
Bathtub enclosures, shower doors, storm doors, exterior doors	not constructed of safety glass	17
Bed linen (sheets, pillowcases, blankets)	having a flame spread of 7 seconds or less for non-raised fibres; having a flame spread of 7 seconds or less and exhibiting base burn for raised fibres	13
Candles	that relight spontaneously once extinguished	29
Children's Sleepwear (up to size 14x – tight fitting)	having a flame spread of 7 seconds or less	5
Cutting oils, cutting fluids for use in machining operations	containing nitrite, when monoethanolamine, diethanolamine and triethanolamine is present	32

Table I (continued)

Product	Banned Condition(s)	Item #
Device that resembles a bomb containing a clock and a simulated explosive	all devices of this type	36
Face protectors for ice hockey and box lacrosse	not meeting the CSA standard	20
Furniture for children	containing lead in excess of 0.5% in the paint or varnish	2
Immersion oils for use in microscopy	containing PCB's	26
Infant car seats	not meeting Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213.1	35
Jequirity bean articles whole or in part	all articles containing these beans	1
Kite strings	that conduct electricity	11
Lawn darts	with elongated tips	39
Pencils & artist brushes	with a decorative coating, containing more than 0.5% weight/weight lead	18
Products for use by children in play	containing actinolite, anthophyllite, crysotile, amosite, crocidolite, cummingtonite, tremolite or other types of asbestos	28
Products for use in drywall joint compounds or spackling	containing actinolite, anthophyllite, crysotile, amosite, crocidolite, cummingtonite, tremolite or other types of asbestos	28
Products for use in modelling and sculpture	containing actinolite, anthophyllite, crysotile, amosite, crocidolite, cummingtonite, tremolite or other types of asbestos	28
Products used to simulate ashes or embers	containing actinolite, anthophyllite, crysotile, amosite, crocidolite, cummingtonite, tremolite or other types of asbestos	28

Table I (continued)

Product	Banned Condition(s)	Item #
Sneezing powder	containing various listed substances	31
Spectacle frames	containing cellulose nitrate	6
Structural devices to position feeding bottles	that allow children to feed themselves while unattended	15
Teethers, soothers, pacifiers	containing a filling that has in it a viable micro-organism	14
Textiles (in general)	having a flame spread of 3.5 seconds or less, or 4 seconds or less for raised fibres	11
Textiles (wearing apparel treated with a flame retardant)	that are treated with tris (2, 3 – dibromopropyl) phosphate	30
Textiles to be worn on the person	containing asbestos, unless for fire protection or where the asbestos will not become separable	16
Toys (flammability hazards)	containing cellulose nitrate, other than ping pong balls	7
Toys (toxicity hazards)	containing carbon tetrachloride, methyl alcohol, turpentine, petroleum distillates, boric acid, ethyl ether in certain amounts	8
Toys (heavy metals)	containing lead, antimony, arsenic, cadmium, selenium, barium, mercury in certain amounts	9
Toys (physical hazards)	that emit noise exceeding 100 db; that contain plant seeds for a noise maker and is for a child under 3 years of age; and that contain seeds as stuffing	10
Urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI)	used to insulate buildings	34

Table 2

REGULATED PRODUCTS <i>Hazardous Products Act</i> Part II of Schedule I			
Product	Item #	Federal Regulations/ Web site reference	Regulated Condition(s)
Asbestos		(see Crocidolite Asbestos)	
Baby Gates		(see Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures)	
Booster Cushions	45	SOR/89-446 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-89-446/index.html	must meet Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard
Carbonated Beverage Glass Containers (more than 1.5 L)	36	SOR/80-831 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-80-831/index.html	labelling and performance standards
Carpet	29 or 30	C.R.C., c. 923 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.923/index.html	flammability requirements
Carriages and Strollers	39	SOR/85-379 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-85-379/index.html	labelling and performance standards
Cellulose Insulation	35	SOR/79-732 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-79-732/index.html	labelling and performance standards
Ceramics		(see Glazed Ceramics and Glassware)	
Charcoal	24	C.R.C., c. 924 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.924/index.html	labelling requirements

Table 2 (continued)

Product	Item #	Federal Regulations/ Web site reference	Regulated Condition(s)
Child Restraint Systems	41	SOR/88-151 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-88-151/index.html	must meet Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard
Children's Sleepwear (loose fitting)	40	SOR/87-443 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-87-443/index.html Contact your local Product Safety officer for a copy of: <i>Children's Sleepwear Flammability Requirement Guidelines</i>	flammability requirements
Consumer Chemicals and Containers	I and 2	P.C. 2001-1343 August, 2001 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-2001-269/index.html	requires labelling and possibly child-resistant container for certain hazard categories and sub-categories
Controlled Products (chemical products used in the workplace [WHMIS])	Schedule II	SOR/88-66 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-88-66/index.html	labelling, MSDSs
Cribs and Cradles	25	SOR/86-962 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-86-962/index.html	performance and labelling requirements
Crocidolite Asbestos	44	SOR/89-440 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-89-440/index.html	labelling
Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures	46	SOR/90-39 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-90-39/index.html	labelling and requirements to address mechanical hazards

Table 2 (continued)

Product	Item #	Federal Regulations/ Web site reference	Regulated Condition(s)
Glazed Ceramics and Glassware	20.1	SOR/98-176 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-98-176/index.html	must not release a prescribed amount of lead and cadmium
Ice Hockey Helmets	43	SOR/89-257 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-89-257/index.html	must meet CSA standards
Infant Feeding Bottle Nipples	37	SOR/84-271 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-84-271/index.html	must not contain nitrosamines over a prescribed limit
Insulation		(see Cellulose Insulation or UFFI)	
Kettles	28	C.R.C., c. 927 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.927/index.html	must not release 0.050 ppm or more lead
Lighters	34	SOR/89-514 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-89-514/index.html	must meet labelling & performance requirements
Liquid Coating Materials	31	C.R.C., c. 928 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.928/index.html	labelling for exterior paints, interior paints must not contain more than 5000 ppm lead

Table 2 (continued)

Product	Item #	Federal Regulations/ Web site reference	Regulated Condition(s)
Matches	23	C.R.C., c. 929 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.929/index.html	performance and labelling requirements
Mattresses	32	SOR/80-810 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-80-810/index.html	flammability requirements
Pacifiers	27	C.R.C., c. 930 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.930/index.html	performance, labelling and toxicity requirements
Paints		(see Liquid Coating Materials)	
Playpens (USA may refer to these products as 'play yards')	26	C.R.C., c. 932 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.932/index.html	performance and labelling requirements
Safety Glass	17	C.R.C., c. 933 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.933/index.html	must meet the Standard for Glass: Safety, for Building Construction
Science Education Sets	22(1)	C.R.C., c. 934 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.934/index.html	labelling and toxicity requirements
Sleepwear		(see Children's Sleepwear)	
Strollers		(see Carriages and Strollers)	
Tents	31.1	SOR/90-245 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/SOR-90-245/index.html	labelling and flammability requirements

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Product	Item #	Federal Regulations/ Web site reference	Regulated Condition(s)
Toys	13 to 20	C.R.C., c. 931 http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/H-3/C.R.C.-c.931/index.html Contact your local Product Safety Office if interested in obtaining a copy of one of the following: <i>A Guide to Safety Requirements for Toys</i> <i>Toys: Age Classification Guidelines</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• must meet mechanical specifications• requirements to address mechanical, electrical, toxicological and flammability hazards

Table 3

VOLUNTARY STANDARDS	
Gas powered lawnmowers	must meet standard of Canadian Outdoor Power Equipment Association
Glass carbonated soft drink bottles (750 ml)	must incorporate an education program, a used bottle standard and compliance monitoring
Glass fibre insulation	asphalt-impregnated kraft paper backing is no longer allowed
Indoor carpets	gas emissions and total amounts of chemicals must be within certain limits; information and certification required
Manufactured firelogs	warning labels are required
Paints (for consumer use)	lead is no longer used in interior or exterior paint; restrictions on mercury compounds in interior paint
Particle board	must meet reduced formaldehyde emissions
Polystyrene foam board insulation	have labelling, require fire retardants and must provide point of sale educational material
Upholstered furniture	UFAC flammability standards must be met; furniture construction techniques; required labelling; compliance monitoring and support for research.

Table 4

NON REGULATED ITEMS OF CONCERN
Baby Walkers
Bunk Beds
Children's Clothing with Drawstrings
Lead in Candle wicks
Lead in Jewellery
Lead in Window Blinds
Ozone Generators
Window Blind Cords with Loops

Table 5

REGIONAL CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY OFFICES	
British Columbia and Yukon	
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