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BILL C-45

Bill C45 is an act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal liability of organizations). It imposes legal duty on employers, those who direct work and especially senior officers. Those mentioned must ensure the safety of workers and the environment.

The current law states that a corporation may be considered guilty if its 'directing mind' committed the prohibited act and had the necessary guilty state of mind. To help determine who is sufficiently important within an organization to be considered its directing mind, Bill C-45 includes a definition for senior officer

described as everyone who has an important role in: setting policy (which is the current Canadian law); or anyone managing an important part of the organizations activities (which is new).

This new definition makes it clear that the directors, CEO and CFO of a corporation are all by virtue of the position automatically considered "senior officers".

For more information contact: Department of Justice Canada (613) 957-4222 website: <http://canada.justice.gc.ca>

60 day period to comment on Re-evaluation of CCA Wood Preservative.

March 17th 2004 PMRA released re-evaluation note, REV2004-01: Update on the Re-evaluation of CCA Heavy Duty Wood Preservative. The purpose of the note is to inform interested parties on the current status of CCA in Canada, particularly health risk assessment for workers in pressure treatment facilities and risks to the environment. A final risk assessment will be released later in 2004, comments are accepted for 60 days. CITW is working with the CCA registrants and the Arsenic Task Force, American Chemistry Council to ensure

<p>comments are submitted on behalf of the industry.</p> <p>60 day period to comment on Export / Import of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material Regulations</p> <p>The Proposed Export and Import of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material Regulations (proposed regulations) under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999(CEPA 1999) were published in the March 20 2004 edition of Canada Gazette Part 1. Comment period is open for 60 days.</p> <p>The regulations will revoke and replace the Export and Import of Hazardous Wastes Regulations (EIHWR) adopted in 1992 under the authority of the former CEPA Act, revise existing EIHWR obligations and introduce new elements including, but not limited to: Separate definitions for hazardous waste and hazardous recyclable material. Specific time periods for completing disposal or recycling operations once hazardous wastes or hazardous recyclable materials are accepted at authorized facilities. Criteria the minister will take into account prior to refusing to</p>	<p>issue an export, import and transit permit, to determine if the hazardous waste or hazardous recyclable material will be managed in a way that will protect the environment and human health and facilitation of recycling. This is done by excluding from the definition of hazardous recyclable material certain low-risk recyclable materials, and by extending the \$1-million liability insurance requirement for Canadian importers and Canadian exporters to movements of hazardous recyclable materials.</p> <p>The proposed regulations maintain the same core framework of the existing EIHWR, however the language, structure and proposed regulations are quite different to provide more clarity regarding legal requirements.</p> <p>Under the proposed regulations, industrial/commercial treated wood waste will be designated as hazardous. Herb Estreicher, Keller & Heckman is assisting CITW to develop a submission and possible objection to the Minister. CITW is also working with the Canadian Electricity Association, CN and CP railways, Bell Canada, Canadian Wood Council and Natural</p>	<p>Resources Canada to represent our objections to the regulation. We have also received assistance from Dennis Hayward of the Western Wood Preservers Institute regarding current practice in the U.S west coast.</p> <p>BMO raises standards for environmental risk disclosure</p> <p>The Bank of Montreal's (BMO) shareholders voted 90.9 percent at the recent annual meeting in favor of a resolution asking the bank to disclose how it evaluates and manages environmental risks to its business. According to Real Assets Investment Management Inc. (RAIM), the vote is one of the strongest majorities ever recorded in Canada for shareholder resolution dealing with social or environmental issues. Real Assets was the lead filer of the shareholder resolution which called on the bank to report on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The environmental criteria it uses; and 2) The precautions the bank is taking to ensure that credit is provided only to companies that meet environmental standards.
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Keith Knowling appointed CEO of Ram Forest Group Inc.

Mr. Knowling will be responsible for the overall management and strategic direction of the Ram Forest Group Inc. Mr. Knowling is a graduate of Leeds College of Technology and Ashridge College Management School in the U.K. and has also held positions as Lecturer at the same Leeds College. He began his career in wood preservation with the Hickson group of companies in the U.K and proceeded to acquire progressively senior positions with postings in Europe, South America, Middle East and Africa. While President of Koppers-Hickson Canada Limited, Mr. Knowling was the first to introduce the use of wolmanised pressure treated wood in Canada and to lay the foundation for the rapid growth of the wood preservation industry. Mr. Knowling's many other corporate achievements included the Home Depot

Partner of the Year Award, Canadian Tire Award of Excellence and the Scarborough Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award.

CITW 2004 AGM Montreal

This years CITW AGM went well and was held in old Montreal at the Spring Hill Suites. There were several presentations including: Herbert Estreicher speaking about the future regulatory pressure facing treated wood in the US, John Wilkinson with a penta update, Cliff Baker discussing preservative labels and Douglass Moodie speaking about coatings and sealants. The keynote speaker during lunch was Mr. David Ben discussing creative problem solving. During the two days many topics were discussed and action items put into place. Many members enjoyed the dinner and Bombay Blue show at the Casino de Montreal. The fall meeting will take place in

Vancouver on October 18th in conjunction with CWPA the 19th-20th and the CSA A366 technical committee on the 21st.

UP COMING EVENTS

- Canadian Utilities Equipment and Engineering Show. May 18th-19th 2004 Toronto, On.
- Canadian Wood Council Annual General Meeting. May 10th-11th Quebec City, Qc.
- CITW Semi-Annual Meeting. October 18th 2004 Vancouver, Bc
- CWPA Annual Meeting. October 19th-20th 2004 Vancouver, Bc
- CSA A366 Technical Committee Meeting. October 21st 2004 Vancouver, Bc

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