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## Vancouver Chapter Breakfast Seminar

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In the wake of a series of high profile cases last year involving products as diverse as tainted pet food and counterfeit toothpaste, Canada and its NAFTA partners have committed to ensuring the safety of food and consumer products imported into North America. In December 2007 Prime Minister Harper announced the Food and Consumer Safety Action Plan, which outlines a series of initiatives designed to modernize and strengthen Canada's safety system for food, health and consumer products.

New legislation to implement the Action Plan was introduced into the House of Commons this spring. The proposed bills would impose new and more onerous obligations on importers, manufacturers and retailers; give broad new powers to the government, including the power to order mandatory recalls; and would strengthen the enforcement powers of inspectors. It would also establish tough new criminal penalties and an Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) for civil violations.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in the United States recently announced that it will begin conducting joint inspections with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Can we expect the same in Canada under proposed new product safety legislation?

#### **Seminar topics covered:**

- Overview of proposed legislation governing food and consumer product safety
- Response to Canada's Action Plan and proposed legislation: what you need to know
- U.S. and international legislation considerations
- Product liability issues for importers, manufacturers and retailers
- Product recalls: best practices and strategies

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