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**Proposal To Amend Section 1.15, 150 Kg Gross MassExemption** - The TDG Directorate has received a number of letters from concerned individuals and companies regarding the changes that were made to section 1.15 in Amendment 6 between publication in Part I and Part II of the Canada Gazette. Specifically, the concerns are centered on the removal of the condition that the dangerous goods had to be transported by the purchaser. Commenters have pointed out that they believe the intent of section 1.15 is to allow a regulatory relaxation for contractors and for the general public to transport dangerous goods from retail outlets to the place of use but that the intent was not to allow the dangerous goods exempted in section 1.15 to be transported commercially, that is by third parties. Commenters believe that the wording of section 1.15 as published in Amendment 6 in Part II of the Canada Gazette poses safety concerns for the commercial trucking industry. In addition, commenters believe that, as worded in Amendment 6, section 1.15 could allow the dangerous goods exempted under this section to be offered for transport by aircraft.

**PCB Regulations published in the Canada Gazette** – Environment Canada has published the PCB Regulations in the Canada Gazette Part II. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are considered to be a grave threat to humans, animals and the environment.

The deadlines for eliminating PCBs can be found on the [Canada Gazette website](#)

#### Deadlines

The key element of the new regulations is the end-of-use deadlines for liquids containing PCBs and specified equipment containing PCBs that are currently in use. The deadlines, which are in accordance with Canada's international commitments, are as follows:

- **December 31, 2009**, for all equipment containing PCBs in a concentration of 500 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg).
- **December 31, 2009**, for equipment containing PCBs in a concentration of at least 50 mg/kg but less than 500 mg/kg when located in sensitive locations, including within 100 metres of drinking water treatment plants, food and feed processing plants, child care facilities, preschool, primary and secondary schools, hospitals, and senior citizen care facilities.
- **December 31, 2025**, for equipment at all other locations.
- **December 31, 2025**, for light ballasts and pole top transformers with auxiliary pole mounted equipment-containing PCBs in a concentration of 50 mg/kg or more.

### Three People Dead in Hazardous Materials Incident, Langley B.C.

- A hazardous materials incident left three people dead and three injured at a Langley mushroom farm. Dozens of firefighters and three air ambulances were called to the farm after several people working on the site inadvertently released an unknown toxic chemical and were overcome by noxious, unidentified fumes.

### Government of Canada Brings in Tough new Emission Standards on Smog-Producing Chemicals

- Canada's Environment Minister, John Baird, announced the Government of Canada is taking action to reduce emissions from chemicals that contribute to smog in consumer and commercial products such as paints, varnishes, adhesives and vehicle repair cleaners. These components are known as Volatile Organic Compounds, or VOC's. Volatile Organic Compounds can be identified by their strong smell and are found in solid or liquid forms that evaporate very quickly, becoming a gas. They are the second largest contributor to smog in Canada, impacting millions of Canadians.

**Pirates in the Gulf of Aden** – *Stolt Valor* is the second chemical tanker to be hijacked off the Gulf of Aden by Somalian pirates. *Stolt Valor* is a 2003-built 25, 269 dwt tanker time chartered to Stolt-Nielsen and was en route to Asia when it was seized making it the 12th vessel to be hijacked in the waters since July.

**Doing Business In Europe?** New GHS requirements will soon be in mandated for classification and labelling of controlled substances. The European Union's (EU) Parliament adopted legislative reports concerning the EU proposal for a Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging (CLP) of substances and mixtures, in their first reading agreement. The first reading agreement came after the approval of a compromise package on 27 June 2008, which the Permanent Representatives Committee ("COREPER") developed.



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