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Coalition Meets with Health Canada Regarding New Consumer Product Safety Act

On May 28th, staff of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating, the Canadian Copper and Brass Development Association, and the Canadian Water Quality Association (the Coalition) met with senior members of Health Canada's staff to discuss the new Consumer Product Safety Act, Bill C-52, currently at second reading in Parliament.

The Bill has been drafted to replace the 1969 Hazardous Products Act. In the process of drafting the new Bill, Health Canada (HC) has encompassed a broader scope of product, including plumbing, heating, and water treatment products.

The new Bill provides HC with powers and tools to encourage and/or mandate compliance of components, parts and accessories. The new powers would be enacted when consumer product recalls are necessary due to a health or safety issue.

HC encouraged the Coalition's participation in the detailed process of crafting the regulation once it is passed in Parliament. There will be further consultation with industry, certification organizations, and regulatory authorities when HC attends the Canadian Advisory Council on Plumbing meeting this August in Quebec City.

In the meantime, members of the Coalition will be sending the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA) the concerns they have with the Bill, primarily in its broad scope and enforcement parameters. Members will also share their ideas on the potential benefits related to how the new regulation may help the industry manage counterfeiting and non-approved products that do not meet existing applicable standards.

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