HOW WILL BILL C-51 IMPACT CANADA?

ACCESS LIMITS?

Will Bill C-51 limit your access to supplements, herbs, medicinal foods and cosmetics?

DRUGS OR NHPs?

How does Bill C-51's drug based model affect Natural Health Product manufacturers?

CODEX?

Will Bill C-51 open the doorway to allow regulations from other governments into Canada?

CONSTITUTION?

Is Bill C-51 constitutionally acceptable regarding the modified search and seizure provisions?

PROTECTION?

Will Bill C-51 really protect the health of all Canadians regardless of its intent?

A distinguished panel will explain the content and implications of Bill C-51 and provide a clear plan of resolution

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WHAT IS BILL C-51?

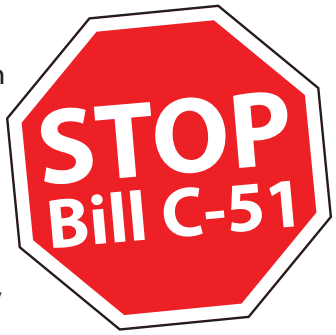
On April 8th 2008, Canadian Health Minister, Tony Clement, introduced Bill C-51 into the House of Commons. This Bill proposes significant changes to the current Food and Drugs Act that will have wide-ranging negative implications for all Canadian citizens and businesses.

There has been much debate on this Bill from coast to coast and around the world due to its vague terminologies and possible backdoors. Bill C-51, if passed, has the potential of crippling the entire Natural Health Product industry and rights of the Canadian public at large.

WHO IS ON THE EXPERT PANEL?

Dr. Shiv Chopra, PhD, Fellow, WHO

Dr. Chopra is a Canadian microbiologist and human rights activist, a former Health Canada scientist involved in the whistle blowing incident on Bovine Growth Hormone which was eventually barred in Canada, and author of *Corrupt to the Core: Memoirs of a Health Canada Scientist* (Kos 2008). Dr. Chopra will discuss how Bill C-51 will reduce the current restrictions of the Food and Drugs Act on the manufacturers of GMOs and other artificial manipulations of food (e.g. hormones, antibiotics, slaughterhouse wastes and pesticides/herbicides, irradiation) and promote international trade, corporate profit and private interest while overriding public safety.



Shawn Buckley, LLB

Mr. Buckley is the President of the National Health Products Protection Association (NHPPA - www.nhppa.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting access to Natural Health Products and dietary supplements. His expertise in Natural Health Product regulations has been gleaned from a decade of representing manufacturers in court against Health Canada. This is a unique opportunity to hear the legal perspective of an *in-the-trenches* expert and to find out firsthand, the implications of Bill C-51 and Natural Health Product regulations in general. Mr. Buckley will discuss why Bill C-51 poses such a threat to the Natural Health Product industry, how it would bestow greater powers on Health Canada and federal inspectors to enforce regulations and demand industry compliance, and how Bill C-51 would provide increased penalties on manufacturers and natural health practitioners.

Mike McBane

Mr. McBane is the National Coordinator of Canadian Health Coalition (www.healthcoalition.ca), a public interest advocacy organization based in Ottawa and author of *Ill-Health Canada: Putting Food and Drug Company Profits Ahead of Safety*. Mr. McBane will discuss how Bill C-51 will lower safety standards by shifting the basis of drug approvals from the current Precautionary approach to a Risk Management approach where a Minister may arbitrarily decide, based on secret industry data, that *benefits* outweigh *risks*, speed up drug approvals through 'progressive licensing' of pharmaceuticals with less evidence of safety or effectiveness, eliminate barriers to direct-to-consumer drug advertising, and enshrine secrecy and commercial confidentiality for the first time in the Food & Drugs Act, instead of enshrining the citizen's right to know the scientific evidence on the safety and effectiveness of medicine.

Helke Ferrie, Moderator

Ms. Ferrie is the Director of KOS Publishing (www.kospublishing.com), author and journalist, and monthly contributor to Vitality Magazine.

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