

# Canadian Spice Association Update ASTA April, 2009

# Canadian Regulatory Environment

 Organic Regulations - coming into force June 30, 2009.

 Allergen Labelling - regulations were published in Gazette Part 1. Gluten-Free claims and mustard to be added to the proposal in Spring 2009

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- Division 7 still needs to be addressed by CFIA
- Canada's chemical management plan
  - categorize 23000 substances based on:
  - Greatest potential exposure to Canadians
  - Inherent toxicity
  - 500 substances current phase for priority work

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ACRYLAMIDE – Health Canada asking industry to revise processes to reduce acrylamide levels.

BHA – common antioxidant in food. Industry asked to report imported, manufactured and usage levels.

HEXANE – CSA submitted data on levels in spice extracts. Levels were found not to be a risk.

METHYL EUGENOL – occurs naturally in Allspice. CSA has asked the government for clarification.

#### THANK YOU!



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