## **PCB Overview**

## Backgrounder:

Canada is signatory to several international agreements on the phase-out of a number of persistent toxic substances which include polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs. The new PCB Regulations came into force on September 5, 2008. The purpose of the 5 H J X O D W L R Q V L V W R L P S U R Y H W K H S U R W H F W L R Q R I & D Q D G D ¶ Canadians by minimizing the risks posed by the use, storage and release of PCBs and by accelerating the elimination of these substances.

These regulations set specific end-of-use deadlines for PCB containing liquids and equipment.