



Ab. OHS Code changes - effective March 31, 2023

An awareness summary review: specific to the Food & Beverage Industry

Types of Changes:

- Administrative: such as regularly scheduled OHS legislation reviews, correct legal language.
- Update Standards: such as 1st Aid and PPE to align/harmonize with jurisdictions across Canada.
- Clarify Responsibilities: all worksite parties.
- Acceptances: such as specific work practices or procedures permitted with acceptance.
- Modernization: new technology - such as autonomous equipment, i.e. self-driving.

Key Changes: will require a review vs. existing company safety program for necessary updates.

- Part 11, 1st Aid –Part 15, Managing Control of Hazardous Energy –Part 16, Noise Exposure –Part 18, PPE
- **Part 11, 1st Aid:** harmonized standards to align with all Canadian jurisdictions. Streamlined wording. Clarify requirements for worksite parties, training agencies, service providers and workplace 1st aiders.
- **Part 15, Haz NRG:** clarify responsibilities and requirements for worksite parties. Streamlined wording. New definitions. Group control procedures.
- **Part 16, Noise Exposure:** includes reduced action limit – **going from 85dBA down to 82dBA**. Fit testing requirements for hearing protection devices. Streamlined audio testing requirements and wording.
- **Part 18, PPE:** update standards to align/harmonize with jurisdictions across Canada. Inspection criteria.

*Miscellaneous Changes...will require a review vs. company safety program for 'possible' updates.

- Parts 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 23 and 25 all have minor changes, specific criteria or amendments to current criteria.
- All of these key areas of the OHS Code will need to be checked based on your company's operations.
 - ***Part 9 - Fall Protection** and **Part 25 - Tools, Equipment and Machinery:** prominent in food & beverage industry.

For more safety program information go to www.afpa.com, then check the WHS resource pages and links.

- [Change highlights: First Aid – Part 11 in the OHS Code](#)
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