

Canada's Combating Counterfeit Products Legislation Nears Passage

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On October 2, 2014, Bill C-8, the *Combating Counterfeit Products Act*, passed the House of Commons, and proceeded to a first reading in the Senate. Originally introduced in March 2013 as Bill C-56, and re-introduced during the current session on October 28, 2013, the *Combating Counterfeit Products Act* is intended to give trademark and copyright owners additional options for dealing with the importation and sale of counterfeit goods. In announcing the passage of the Bill to the Senate, Minister Moore commented the Act will "give our border guards the tools they need to work with Canadian rights holders to stop illegal counterfeit goods from entering the country".

The Bill must still be passed in the Senate and receive Royal Assent. Regulations will also be required to clarify the "Request for Assistance" procedure.

Below are links to Bereskin & Parr articles discussing the *Combating Counterfeit Products Act*:

Click [here](#) to read Scott MacKendrick's article on Bill C-8, the *Combating Counterfeit Products Act*.

Click [here](#) to read Daniel Bereskin Q.C.'s and Cynthia Rowden's article, "Top Ten Things for Trademark Owners to Know about Canada's new *Combating Counterfeit Products Act*".

Click [here](#) to read Jill Tonus's and Catherine Lovrics' article "Canadian Government Introduces New Bill to Address Counterfeits at Canadian Borders".

Click [here](#) to read Francois Larose's article canvassing the changes to the *Trade-marks Act* and the *Copyright Act* in the *Combating Counterfeit Products Act*.

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