

RE: CANADA S PROPOSED BILL C51-  
DANGEROUS REGULATIONS TO STOP AT THIRD READING!  
**MERCOLA ON BILL C51**

*You may be getting tired of all the Bill C51 furor. However, that would be a serious mistake. Please take the time to read Mercola's article to the end. There is a petition to sign as well. Please send this to everyone you know As I've said before, the real threat is Codex. Mercola also talks about the North American Union. If you're not aware of what's going on and how it could change life as we know it, I suggest you inform yourself and support those who are trying to protect us.*

**<http://www.stopc51.com/>**

Mercola's analysis is simple. Click on the following link:

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2008/06/19/vitamin-c-about-to-be-made-illegal-in-canada.aspx?source=nl>

Yes, the concern is justified.

Health Canada has certainly given ample cause for concern in the past, and their arrogance can be impressive. (Of course, they would not accept that assessment, since they are convinced they are doing right. But that conviction is part of the problem they embody: "Gott mit Uns", and all that.)

I agree that the replies from Health Canada are bland and reassuring; however, I am not at all convinced that the personnel charged with drafting replies have any concept of the breadth and potential impact of such legislation: they are probably young, idealistic, and unaware of the potentially harmful effect of enabling strong punitive measures, to be applied without effective recourse against not only large manufacturers of pharmaceutical drugs, but potentially every small producer of benign plant or other material with potential health benefit.

This legislation definitely has the potential to be a case of the cure being worse than the disease.

The following is not an original notion, but is worth remembering, in this age of legislation and regulation which goes on multiplying indefinitely, and usually remains 'on the books' forever, unless there is a strong public outcry:

"In a free society, what is not forbidden is permitted.

In a fascist society, what is not permitted is forbidden."

There are, it appears, few people paying attention to preserving freedom in Canada, and fewer yet who are willing to defend it publicly.

This certainly includes physicians and other health personnel, who have a vested

interest in "keeping their head down", since they are subject to regulations, which could become punitive if individuals were seen or represented as not following agreed-upon scientific principles. And these agreed-upon principles are in large part based upon consensus. Which means that minority opinions may become problematic, when they bring one into conflict with legislation in any area impinging upon health and/or clinical practice.

I see Bill C51 as a potentially serious and enduring problem, and I would definitely encourage anyone able to speak freely, to call, write, and otherwise communicate with their M.P. and make their concerns known.

I think the Govt. has a lot of explaining to do before enacting legislation so far-reaching, before enabling the already-powerful semi-autonomous bureaucracy with additional tools for enforcement far broader than what they already have, and I don't think that accusing Health Canada or the FDA of a fascist attitude is capricious, nor a matter of opinion: it is established fact.

I would definitely not like them to gain any arbitrary power over my food, my supplements, nor anything my family, friends, and patients would want to use.

As James Lunney stated in his speech, we definitely do want to have products inspected to make sure they contain what they state on the label, and that they are pure & uncontaminated. Health Canada has done a pretty good job in this area: perfection is impractical, no matter how many inspectors are appointed, nor how much arbitrary power is given them.

What we do not want is to enable the overzealous to harass & punish those who are attempting to bring natural products to the Canadian market. In the same way that 'freedom of speech' is subject to 'chilling' in a variety of ways, so are the many non-pharmaceutical approaches to health. And as he pointed out, this is *\*already\** happening, even without offering Health Canada additional powers! There are so many products which are awaiting for <approval>, and either failing to get it, or not being produced or imported because their producers find the *\*existing\** regulations too onerous...

Clearly there has to be a balance between adequate protection on the one hand, and punitive (literally: fascist) over-regulation on the other hand. (People who may dispute the notion that fascism comes readily to regulators might want to consult the history books:

Caveat Emptor.... et que caveat civis.

**"Those Who Forget the Lessons of History Are Doomed To Repeat It"**

George Wilhelm Hegel.