

Human Resources Legislative Update

OHSA Designated Substances, Exposure Limits Regulations Amended

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On June 12, 2012, the Ontario government filed two regulations under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

[O. Reg. 148/12 \(Designated Substances\)](#) adds “or to a physician designated by the Provincial Physician” to [subsections 30\(2\) and 31\(2\) of O. Reg. 490/09](#), effective immediately. It further substitutes a new Table 1 (Exposure Limits) prescribing Agents and corresponding Time-Weighted Average Limit (“TWA”), Short-Term Exposure Limit (“STEL”), Ceiling Limit (“C”) and Notations. The amendments will come into force on January 1, 2013. The new Table will come into force January 1, 2013.

[O. Reg. 149/12](#) (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) amends Regulation 833 of R.R.O. 1990 by substituting a new definition for “ACGIH Table” in section 1, and substitutes a new Table 1 (Ontario Table of Occupational Exposure Limits) prescribing Agents and corresponding Time-Weighted Average Limit (“TWA”), Short-Term Exposure Limit (“STEL”), Ceiling Limit (“C”) and Notations. The amendments will come into force on January 1, 2013.