

Comments on Bill C-11
(Changes made from First Reading February 9, 2009 to Amendments by the Standing
Committee on Health April 2, 2009)
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- The preamble has been edited to reflect varying levels of risk
- Section 9: An advisory committee is consulted before making any regulations under subsections (1), (2) or (3)
- Section 10: The advisory committee may add or delete substance(s).
- Section 12: Release is defined as a release from the facility
- Section 33: Security clearances are required for Level 3 and Level 4 only. Visitors must be accompanied.
- Section 38: Reasonable grounds (not opinion) are required to get information.
- Section 39: Information is confidential unless otherwise required to be disclosed by law.
- Section 53: Consequences have been edited to reflect less serious fines for Risk Group 2 agents (the consequences are no longer the same for all risk groups/toxins).
- Section 56: These consequences apply to Risk Group 3 and 4 only (no longer all risk groups/toxins).
- Section 59: Due diligence is appropriate for Section 54 now (public safety at risk) but due diligence can not be used for Subsection 7(1) (requirement to have a license).
- Section 66 (1.1 & 2): There is recognition of different levels of risk.
- Section 66.1: This is a new section to recognize Committee recommendations which are reported to Parliament.

- Section 66.2: This is a new section. Parliament does not have to see regulations if changes are immaterial/insubstantial or the regulation is required immediately to protect the health and safety of any person.