



Regulatory proposals for the Boiler and Pressure Vessels Regulation

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The Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is seeking your input on proposed amendments to the Boilers and Pressure Vessels (BPV) regulation (O. Reg. 220/01) under the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000. Information about the regulatory proposals is now posted on Ontario's Regulatory Registry for public feedback. The comment period will close on July 17, 2017.

The Registry allows members of the public to participate in developing regulations by providing comments on regulatory proposals. The ministry will be taking the feedback it receives into consideration when bringing forward the final regulation for approval.

We encourage you to review and provide feedback here on the regulatory proposals.

Who will be impacted?

Building Owners and Managers	Dry Cleaners
Insurers and Third-Party Inspectors	Manufacturers and Processors
Municipalities	Hospitals
Schools	Universities and Colleges
Operating Plants, including power plants, heating and cooling plants	

What are the changes?

In February 2016, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, in collaboration with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), established a 14-member expert panel of BPV industry stakeholders with representation from insurance companies, third-party inspectors, and BPV owners and manufacturers. The purpose of the consultation was for the panel to make recommendations to government that would assist in addressing long-standing challenges associated with the operationalization of the BPV regulation.

The ministry has developed proposed regulatory amendments to support the implementation of the BPV panel's recommendations as well as other changes to improve the effectiveness of TSSA's BPV Safety Program.

They include:

1 - Upon insurer's periodic inspection of a boiler or pressure vessel, the owner or operator of the device would be required to apply for authorization from TSSA to operate their device (Certificate of Inspection) with the payment of a fee and a copy of the Record of Inspection.

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2 - Insurers to submit device inspection information and attest to the accuracy of this information in the form and frequency specified by TSSA.

3 - Insurers to file information and to attest to the accuracy of that information. Insurers could be subject to an audit by TSSA to verify information provided by insurers as well as determine compliance with regulatory requirements.

4 - Provide flexibility for TSSA to differentiate between high-risk and low-risk piping and fittings based on research and analysis conducted through a standards development organization.

5 - Additional draft regulation proposals to improve the effectiveness of TSSA's BPV Safety Program (please refer to regulatory registry posting for more information).

We appreciate hearing from affected stakeholders while considering regulatory changes. We also ask that you please share this email with any other organization or individual that you believe would be interested in providing feedback on the proposed amendments.

Should you have any questions regarding these proposals, please email publicsafetybranch@ontario.ca and a staff member will contact you.