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Canada Update: Regulatory Change, Cultivation, Production

A review will be presented of the 2017 notice to the Canadian Hemp Industry regarding a Section 56, *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* exemption to producers of Industrial Hemp in an effort to simplify the licence application process for the 2017 growing season.

The *Section 56 Class Exemption* were in relation to the *Industrial Hemp Regulations* for persons who want to obtain a licence to import, export, possess, cultivate, produce, process, and distribute (sell/provide) industrial hemp. Health Canada recently revised its hemp application, application submission, minimum acreage and testing requirements for in field THC testing. The Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance continues to work with the Canadian government to treat hemp as a crop and not as a controlled substance. The reduced restrictions will most certainly lead to additional growth of the hemp sector in Canada.