

Bill S-211 (Modern Slavery) Resource Centre

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Canada's Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act, formerly known as Bill S-211, is the country's new legislation aimed at fighting modern slavery. It requires annual reporting on the steps taken to prevent and reduce the risk of forced and child labour being used in goods imported into Canada, as well as in the production of goods, whether here or elsewhere.

On May 11, 2023, the [Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act \(Bill S-211\)](#) received Royal Assent and became law. The new legislation will come into force on Jan. 1, 2024. The first annual reports to the federal government on forced and child labour will be required from business entities by May 31, 2024. However, the government has publicly signalled that it may delay some or all of the new requirements of Bill S-211. Currently, it remains unclear whether the government intends to delay the new reporting requirements, changes to the import ban, or both.

Bill S-211 imposes a new annual reporting obligation on corporations, trusts, partnerships and other unincorporated organizations (generally, "businesses") that produce, sell or distribute goods in Canada or elsewhere, import foreign goods into Canada or control an entity that is engaged in such activities, provided that such businesses fit into one of the following categories:

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