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Rich Products Of Canada Limited Fined \$80,000 After Worker Injured

St. Catharines, Ont. – Rich Products of Canada Limited, a Fort Erie producer of dough for the food service industry, was fined \$80,000 today for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that caused injury to a worker.

On December 19, 2008, workers were transferring pieces cut of dough from one conveyor belt onto sheets of paper on another conveyor belt. Paper was being fed onto the second conveyor belt by way of a roll under the belt. The roll of paper was getting low, so one worker stooped down by the conveyor belt to replace it. The worker noticed dough residue on the belt drive and reached up to clean it from the roll. The worker's arm was drawn between the conveyor belt and the roll under it, causing multiple fractures and skin loss.

Rich Products of Canada Limited pleaded guilty to failing to ensure that the conveyor belt setup was equipped with a guard to prevent access to the pinch point between the belt and the roll under it.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace David Brown. In addition to the fine, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

Location:	Ontario Court of Justice 161 Elgin St. Ottawa, Ont.
Judge:	Justice of the Peace David Brown
Date of Conviction:	February 25, 2010
Defendant:	Rich Products of Canada Limited
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction:	Ontario Regulation 851, Section 25
Crown Counsel:	Alicia Gordon-Fagan



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