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Dear Clients, Friends and Colleagues,

COVID-19 Economic Response Plan – Legislative Update

In the early morning hours of March 25, 2020, Bill C-13 “**An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19**” was introduced, and received **Royal Assent** by the afternoon.

Details on a number of measures previously announced (click [here](#) to view [Canada’s COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#)) were disclosed.

One common theme throughout the legislation is the ability to change **specific amounts and rules by updating regulations** rather than law, which means the government has **more flexibility** in making changes as events unfold.

The key items discussed in this document include:

- Emergency Response Benefit;
- GST tax credit special payment;
- Canada child benefit special payment;
- RRIF minimum withdrawal changes; and
- Temporary wage subsidy for employers.

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