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To: Industry Product Stewardship Stakeholders and Interested Parties

**RE: Notice of Intent to Add Products to the Recycling Regulation**

Dear Sir or Madame:

The Province of British Columbia regulates industry-led product stewardship under the *Recycling Regulation* (2004). This regulation makes producers (manufacturers, distributors, retailers) responsible for the lifecycle management of their products. The Ministry of Environment has recently consulted with stakeholders on which products to add next to the regulation.

The Province intends to add the follow products to the Recycling Regulation:

1. Mercury-containing light bulbs and thermostats, and
2. Expanding products in the existing electronics product category.

Ministry staff will enter into discussions with industry and other stakeholders to determine the scope and definition of these product categories in the near future.

It is expected that the mercury-containing light bulbs and thermostats product category could include compact fluorescent light bulbs, fluorescent tubes and mercury containing thermostats. It is also expected that the electronics product category could be expanded to include, but not be limited to, telephones, fax machines, cell phones and other hand-held devices.

Once these product categories are added to the *Recycling Regulation*, it is intended that producers will be provided with a period of time to develop a product stewardship plan, consult with stakeholders on the plan and implement a program. More information on the regulatory requirements can be found at [www.recycling.gov.bc.ca](http://www.recycling.gov.bc.ca).

To discuss the process and anticipated timeline, please contact David Lawes, Unit Head, Industry Product Stewardship, Community Waste Reduction Section, Ministry of Environment at 250-387-3588 or email [David.Lawes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Lawes@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

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