

MINISTER OF CONSERVATION

Legislative Building Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA R3C 0V8

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Mr. Mark Kurschner Executive Director Product Care Association 12337 – 82A Avenue Surrey B.C. V3W 0L5

Dear Mr. Kurschner:

I am pleased to issue an Approval to Product Care for the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan, dated August 26, 2010 and updated on July 14, 2011. Pursuant to Section 7(4) of the *Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation* of *The Waste Reduction and Prevention (WRAP) Act*, this Approval expires on December 31, 2016.

This Approval is issued under Section 6 of the *Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation* of *The WRAP Act* and is subject to Product Care meeting the following conditions:

- 1. That Product Care implements the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan, substantially in accordance with its intent, consistent with the requirements of *The WRAP Act*, the Regulation, and the *Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Guideline*, as approved and amended from time to time.
- 2. That Product Care identifies a senior official as a contact person to work with my officials throughout the term of this Approval to ensure continued compliance with the conditions of this Approval.
- 3. That Product Care cooperates with my officials and provides such assistance as they may deem necessary so that my officials are able to prepare reports and provide me with information assessing whether Product Care has implemented the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan substantially in accordance with its intent and in accordance with the conditions of this Approval.
- 4. That Product Care advises my officials about any proposed changes to the details of the plan, prior to making any changes to the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan so that my officials may consider whether the proposed changes are consistent with the conditions of this Approval and in particular, whether the proposed changes may impact on the continued effectiveness of the Program.
- 5. That within six months of the launch date, the return to retail component of the program is implemented in at least six locations and that Product Care reports annually on progress toward achieving the service level expectations established in the Guideline. The Winnipeg depot must be open to consumers some evening and weekend hours.

- 6. That Product Care collaborates with my officials on communication strategies, including the instore information that will be used to advise and educate consumers about the Program and facilitate its implementation. Point-of-sale information for consumers is a Program requirement.
- 7. That Product Care negotiates an agreement with Green Manitoba for support services related to operation of the Program.
- 8. That Product Care establishes working relationships with other stewardship programs in Manitoba to facilitate public and stakeholder education and awareness and maximize recovery of designated materials.
- 9. That retained earnings shown on the financial statements of the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan (total revenues less total expenditures), as determined by an external auditor, do not at any time during the term of this Approval exceed one year's project program revenue.

Product Care is requested to submit an application for renewal of this Approval by May 1, 2016, so as to ensure adequate time for public review. Under Section 5(4) of the Regulation, an application for renewal must be received no later than 60 days before the expiry of the existing period of Approval.

If I am not satisfied that Product Care is implementing the plan substantially in accordance with its intent or where I have concluded, based on such other factors as I or my officials have determined to be relevant in the circumstances, that the plan or the terms of this Approval should be amended, then amended conditions may be imposed as deemed appropriate.

I also wish to remind you that under Section 11(1) of the *Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation*, as Minister, I have the authority to suspend or cancel the Approval of the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan at any time if there is a breach by Product Care, as operator of the Program, of either *The WRAP Act* or the Regulation.

Any notices to be provided to department officials pursuant to this Approval shall be submitted in writing to: Director, Pollution Prevention Branch, Manitoba Conservation, 160 - 123 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 1A5.

I look forward to the implementation of the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan and to expanding the opportunities for Manitobans to safely dispose of household hazardous waste.

Yours sincerely.

Bill Blaikie Minister