

Product Care Association

Overview of Stewardship Programs for Lighting Products

Regulations in the provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba and Quebec require “product stewardship” programs for designated lighting products. The programs must provide a province-wide, no-charge collection and recycling system for designated products at end-of-life. Obligated sellers of designated products must operate or be members of an approved program.

Product Care Association (PCA) operates approved programs in each of the regulated jurisdictions. The PCA programs are open to all obligated sellers to join as members. Program members fund the programs by environmental handling fees (“eco-fees”) paid to the program based on the number of units sold in the provinces where there is a program. The fee rates vary by province, product type and size.

This document is a summary only of these programs. Additional information on each of the programs can be found at the links provided in the table below.

British Columbia

PCA’s BC LightRecycle program began July 1, 2010 and was initially limited to residential-use mercury-containing lamps. The BC [Recycling Regulation](#) now designates all lighting products including lamps, ballasts and fixtures, whether supplied for residential or for industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) use, and all of these products are included in the expanded BC LightRecycle program. Member eco-fee obligations for the new BC product categories will commence on October 1, 2012.

Manitoba

PCA’s MB LightRecycle program launched on May 1, 2012 as part of PCA’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program, which includes many other products. The MB LightRecycle program is limited to residential-use fluorescent lamps.

Quebec

In Quebec, the program name is “RecycFluo” and PCA operates under the name Association des Producteurs Responsables (APR). The Quebec [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#) obligates all “brand owners/first suppliers” of mercury-containing lamps to either operate or be a member of an approved program to recover and reclaim end-of-life mercury-containing lamps in Quebec. PCA/APR’s RecycFluo program is the only authorized product stewardship program in Quebec for mercury-containing lamps.

The program has been funded by "eco-fees" applied to the sale of mercury-containing lamps sold separately in QC since October 1, 2012, including sales to the residential, industrial, commercial and institutional sectors. Effective October 1, 2013, fees will also apply to component mercury-containing lamps sold integrated into lighting fixtures and automobiles. Quebec law limits the use of visible fees.

Upcoming Federal Legislation

The Federal government has begun the process of mandating product stewardship programs for mercury-containing lamps in all Canadian provinces with a current target date of 2014. It is expected that existing provincial regulations will continue, so long as they “meet or exceed” the federal requirements.

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	British Columbia	Manitoba	Quebec
Product Care Program Name	BC LightRecycle - Expansion	MB LightRecycle, part of the MB Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program	RecycFluo, the QC Mercury-Containing Lamps Program
Applicable Legislation	British Columbia Recycling Regulation	Manitoba Waste Reduction and Prevention Act	Quebec Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises
Covered Lighting Products	All lamps (not limited to mercury-containing), ballasts and fixtures supplied to all users including the residential, commercial and industrial sectors.	Residential-use fluorescent lamps	Mercury-containing lamps supplied to all users including the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. Phase II includes component lamps (see above).
Obligated Party	"Producer" - Principally the first seller of the product in the province, which could include retailer, distributor or manufacturer.	"Stewards of designated material"- Generally the first seller of the product in the province, which could include retailer, distributor or manufacturer.	Brand owner or enterprise acting as the first supplier, which could include retailer, distributor or manufacturer.
Regulatory Requirement	Obligated parties must either operate or be a member of an approved post-consumer collection and recycling program.		
Program Funding	Programs are funded by "eco-fees" applied to the sale or supply of new applicable products on a per-unit sold basis after the effective fee collection start date. Fee rates vary by province, product and size.		
Member Fee Obligation Start Date	October 1, 2012 (for expanded program)	May 1, 2012	October 1, 2012 (for lamps sold separately) October 1, 2013 (for expanded program)
Eco-Fee Visibility in Supply Chain	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	QC regulation limits (but not prohibits) the use of visible fees when applied to consumer sales
How to Join PCA Program(s)	The registration site for new members can be accessed at www.ecofeereporting.com . Existing PCA members can extend their membership to additional programs through the same site. Members for QC must also submit a form to the QC Ministry. Please contact the relevant individuals below for more information.		
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