



YUKON HAZARDOUS AND SPECIAL PRODUCTS EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY STEWARDSHIP PLAN



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1. INTRODUCTION

On January 25, 2024, the Government of Yukon ("YG") enacted the [Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation](#) ("the Regulation"), requiring all stewards of designated products to implement an approved stewardship program in order to import, supply, or use designated materials in the territory.

This Hazardous and Special Products ("HSP") Extended Producer Responsibility Stewardship Plan ("the Plan") is submitted by Product Care Association of Canada ("Product Care") on behalf of the HSP stewards who have designated Product Care as their third-party producer responsibility organization ("PRO") in accordance with Section 8 of the Regulation.

Following Section 23(2)(d) of the Regulation, the Plan will be implemented nine months after the day on which the approval of the Plan is received from YG. As outlined in Section 14(5) of the Regulation, the Plan will expire five years after the date on which the approval is granted, except for material in the alarms subcategory, as implementation of the alarms subcategory is expected to launch by January 1, 2027.

The timeline for key measures to be implemented prior to the Plan start date is outlined in Appendix A as required in Section 13(2)(h) of the Regulation.

2. ABOUT PRODUCT CARE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA ("PRODUCT CARE")

Product Care was formed in 1994 in response to North America's first paint stewardship regulation (British Columbia). Product Care is federally incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act as a not-for-profit product stewardship association. It was established as an agency to allow its members to meet their obligations under applicable extended producer responsibility legislation. Product Care is governed by a multi-sector industry Board of Directors.

Product Care has been at the forefront of extended producer responsibility programs for over 30 years, overseeing more than 20 stewardship programs across Canada. These programs manage a wide variety of products, such as paint, lamps, household hazardous waste, household special products, and smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

3. PLAN MEMBERSHIP

This Plan is submitted by Product Care on behalf of obligated "Stewards" (brand holders, importers, retailers, franchisors, and marketplace facilitators) as defined in Section 6(1)(b), (3)-(5) of the Regulation, who have designated Product Care as their PRO in accordance with Section 8 of the Regulation. Membership in Product Care's Yukon HSP Stewardship Plan is open to any obligated stewards, subject to the terms of Product Care's membership agreement.

In accordance with Section 10 (1)(a) and (b) of the Regulation, this Plan outlines the duties that Product Care will perform on behalf of each steward who is a member of the Plan and in good standing. Upon plan launch, Product Care will submit a list of stewards who have designated Product Care to operate the Plan on their behalf, and an up-to-date list of members will be maintained on our website.

Product Care will inform YG of any non-compliant stewards and any potential free-riders for compliance activities in the territory. New obligated stewards will be invited to designate Product Care as their PRO.

4. PLAN FUNDING

This section describes how the program plan will be funded, in accordance with Section 13(2)(l) of the Regulation.

The program plan will be funded by membership fees, known as "environmental handling fees" ("EHFs"), remitted to Product Care by its members based on the quantity of sales of the designated HSP products sold in or import into Yukon. The EHFs are not a tax or a refundable deposit. In the event that the revenue generated from EHFs is insufficient to cover program costs, a true-up mechanism may be required to ensure the financial sustainability of the program.

Each steward must enter into a written agreement with Product Care, pursuant to which Product Care agrees to act as an agent on the steward's behalf for the purposes of operating the stewardship program plan.

Revenues generated by the EHF are used for the management of the Plan, including but not limited to:

- Administration,
- Public education and communication,
- Collection, transportation, recycling, and responsible disposal of collected products,
- Establishing and maintaining a reserve fund.

A reserve fund ensures the program's long-term sustainability and covers wind-up costs in case of regulatory changes. It provides stability if collection and recycling costs exceed EHF revenue and helps manage fluctuations in operating costs or revenue due to economic shifts or changes in technology. The reserve fund will be overseen by Product Care's Board of Directors.

The EHF are set by Product Care and are subject to change as needed to address surpluses or deficits and to ensure the sustainability of the program. Given that the program does not have direct control over its revenue stream, EHF are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the program is financially sustainable. EHF will be posted to Product Care's website. The supply chain in the HSP sector is very complex, and any changes to EHF have a significant impact on the various industry sectors within the supply chain, therefore, it is important to try and minimize the frequency of EHF changes.

5. PRODUCT DEFINITION

The Regulation defines "designated materials" in Section 3 and includes HSP as one of the regulated categories. The HSP category comprises various subcategories, as set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulation and further detailed in the Yukon Government's [Obligated Products Guide](#).

This Program applies only to a defined subset of those subcategories, referred to as Program Products.

Program Products (types of designated materials covered by this Plan):

- Flammable products
- Toxic products
- Corrosive products
- Domestic pesticides
- Paint products
- Animal deterrents
- Lighting products
- Alarms¹

Detailed definitions of included and excluded products within each subcategory are provided in Appendix C. The list of Program Products may be updated to reflect changes in regulatory requirements or the scope of the Plan. For the most current information, stakeholders should consult the Plan's website or contact Product Care directly.

Program Products are the designated materials targeted for collection and recovery under this Plan, in accordance with Section 12(b) of the Regulation. As required by the Regulation, the Plan will collect and recover Program Products regardless of whether they were used for personal, residential, or business purposes. Designated materials not included as Program Products fall outside the scope of this Plan and are managed by other PROs.

For annual reporting, performance measurement, and target setting, the Program Products are categorized by type, consistent with Section 13(2)(g) of the Regulation, as noted above.

¹ Alarms will be included as a Program Product effective January 1, 2027. Any corresponding updates to the Plan required to accommodate this addition will be submitted to the Minister for approval in advance of the effective date.

6. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

6.1. PLAN DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The development of the Plan will be guided by a stakeholder consultation process as per Section 13(2)(b) of the Regulation.

The draft Plan will be subject to a 65-day public consultation period, commencing with a 20-day public review of the draft Plan. During this initial phase, the draft Plan will be made available for public comment and posted on Product Care's website. Subsequently, webinar sessions will be conducted to engage a diverse range of stakeholders, including stewards, local governments, Yukon First Nations governments, and other interested parties.

A summary of stakeholder consultation activities, engagement efforts, feedback received, and feedback consideration and incorporation will be documented and included as part of the final Plan submission.

6.2 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with Section 13(2)(c) of the Regulation, the Plan will provide ongoing opportunities for stakeholder input, including stewards, residents in Yukon, regarding the implementation and operation of the Plan.

Input will be gathered through the following mechanisms:

6.2.1. FEEDBACK CHANNELS

To support ongoing communication with stakeholders, the Plan will maintain a dedicated toll-free-number and email address (yukon@productcare.org). These channels will provide an accessible means for local stakeholders, stewards, and other interested parties to submit inquiries, offer feedback, and stay informed on the Plan developments. Contact details will be published on the Product Care website.

6.2.2. INDUSTRY EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Product Care will actively support information-sharing and dialogue between stewards, PROs, industry partners, and other stakeholders through participation in relevant conferences and events. These forums will be used to present key updates on Plan performance, gather feedback, and collaborate on solutions.

6.3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To meet the requirements of Section 13(2)(d), (i), and (n) of the Regulation, Product Care will aim to establish a local Advisory Committee within the first year following Plan approval. Where feasible, this may be done jointly with other PROs. The majority of its members will be Yukon-based stakeholders, and may include representatives from the following:

- Stewards
- Local governments & First Nations
- First Nations governments
- Non-government organizations (NGO)
- Waste service providers
- Local businesses
- Trade Associations and industry members

The Advisory Committee will provide input on the implementation and operation of the Plan, including feedback on performance and identification of opportunities for improvement. The committee will meet at least once per year, either in person or virtually, based on a mutually agreed schedule. Additional input may be collected through direct communication or targeted outreach as needed.

Engagement with Yukon First Nations and local governments may occur through representation on the committee or through separate consultations where appropriate.

Product Care will also aim to collaborate with other PROs inside and outside Yukon to support coordination, share best practices, and improve overall Plan delivery.

7. COLLECTION SYSTEM

Yukon poses unique challenges for implementing an EPR program due to a low and dispersed population, vast landscape, limited service providers, and the distance to recycling and responsible disposal options. The Plan aims to deliver the desired environmental outcomes with cost-effective services by seeking to maintain current access levels across the territory.

Service levels and community coverage are intended to align with those outlined in the *Recycling in the Yukon 2022* report. In accordance with Section 12(b) and 13(2)(k) of the Regulation, this approach ensures that Yukon residents continue to have reasonable and free access to collection facilities or collection events. There is no charge to drop off Program Products at collection sites and Collection Events. The types of services offered and the communities to be served by the Plan are listed in Table 1.

Pursuant to Section 13(2)(m) of the Regulation, the methodology used to determine compensation for collection services is based on comparable rates in other jurisdictions and adjusted for Yukon-specific factors such as geography, accessibility, and population density, as needed.

7.1. COLLECTION SITES

Collection sites are typically local depots or municipal facilities that serve as primary collection points and may operate year-round or on a seasonal basis, depending on local capacity and community needs.

To support public access, Product Care provides an online collection site locator with current information on site locations and hours of operation.

7.2. COLLECTION EVENTS

Collection events are typical one day events held in collaboration with municipalities. The Plan aims to continue offering collection events in the communities listed in Table 1, where there is sufficient community interest and operational or financial feasibility.

Collection events will be advertised through various channels to support local awareness and participation. Event details will be available via the online collection site finder on the [Product Care website](#).

Table 1 - Types of service by community

Service Type	Community
Collection Sites	Beaver Creek
	Carcross
	Champagne
	Deep Creek
	Destruction Bay
	Marsh Lake
	Mount Lorne
	Old Crow
	Pelly Crossing

Service Type	Community
	Ross River
	Tagish
	Teslin
Collection Events	Whitehorse
	Carmacks
	Dawson
	Faro
	Haines Junction
	Mayo
	Watson Lake

8. PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

In pursuant to Section 13(2)(p) of the Regulation, this section outlines the Plan’s strategy for the management of the designated materials to be collected and recovered under the Plan in accordance with the waste management hierarchy (“the hierarchy”).

Product Care is committed to managing collected Program Products according to the hierarchy outlined in Section 13(3) of the Regulation. The Yukon context presents unique challenges due to limited volumes, a wide range of product formulations, and the fact that some Program Products can only be responsibly disposed of through incineration or secure landfilling. The approach depends on factors such as product composition, availability of appropriate recycling technologies, qualified service providers, economies of scale, transportation and processing costs, end-market demand for recovered materials, and global market conditions.

Product Care works closely with its service providers to ensure that, where feasible, Program Products are managed in alignment with the preferred hierarchy of handling methods. Pursuant to Section 13(2)(m) of the Regulation, compensation for these services will be negotiated with service providers, based on comparable rates in other jurisdictions and adjusted for Yukon-specific factors such as distance, logistics, and operational scale, as needed. The following outlines the management strategies for Program Products and may be updated as new options become available:

8.1. REDUCE

Buy The Right Amount

The Plan encourages consumers to buy the right amount of a consumable product for their needs, resulting in less waste. This is achieved through the “BUD” Rule, promoted via the Plan’s website and promotional materials, which encourages consumers to:

- Buy no more than you need.
- Use all that you buy, and
- Dispose of leftovers safely.

8.2. REDESIGN FOR IMPROVED REUSABILITY OR RECYCLABILITY

Paint

The paint industry is a consolidating industry, and most Stewards manufacture for a market area that includes more than one province or country. Nevertheless, the composition of many of the paint products covered by the Plan has changed over time as a result of design for environment activities and compliance with other regulations that impact manufacturing, including federal regulations. In particular:

- The steady shift in the marketplace from oil-based paint to water-based paint.
- Reduction of volatile organic compounds and reintroduction of bio-based ingredients in the composition of surface coatings.
- Refinements to manufacturing processes that reduce resource consumption, minimize waste and enhance efficiency.

Lighting products

Design and innovation in lighting products are largely driven by energy-efficiency requirements, global market demands, and regulation.

The lighting industry has significantly reduced environmental impacts through:

- Transition to LED technologies, which are mercury-free, long-lasting (15,000–25,000 hours), and highly energy efficient
- Phase-out of mercury-containing lamps, in response to federal regulations
- Reduced material use, especially in compact fluorescents and miniaturized lamp formats
- Circular design strategies, including:
 - Modular components (e.g., drivers, LED boards) for easier repair, reuse, and disassembly
 - Implementation of Lighting as a Service to optimize energy consumption through smart systems

Flammables, corrosives, toxics, pesticides and animal deterrents

In recent years, the consumer chemical industry has made notable progress in reducing the environmental impact of household hazardous products. Manufacturers have increasingly reformulated products using safer, biodegradable, and renewable-resource-based ingredients. These changes are driven by evolving regulatory standards, environmental health considerations, and consumer demand for low-toxicity alternatives.

Industry efforts have also focused on:

- Reducing product toxicity while maintaining effectiveness
- Improving packaging to enhance recyclability and minimize waste
- Aligning with environmental standards such as the U.S. EPA's Safer Choice Program

Alarms

The smoke and CO alarm industry is actively reducing its environmental impact.

Key efforts include:

- Ionization foil stamping technology: Reduces waste and precious metal extraction.
- Material reduction: Decreasing plastic use and increasing recyclable materials in packaging.
- Recyclable materials: Some alarms now use 75-80% recyclable materials.
- Battery improvements: Shift from 9-volt to 3-volt alarms with long-lasting lithium batteries.
- End-of-life features: Alarms now alert users when they need replacement.
- Compliance and best practices: Adopting environmental standards like Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) across regions.

These initiatives reflect the industry's commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility.

8.3. REUSE

The Plan is designed to manage end-of-life products that are no longer usable. Due to the hazardous nature, safety concerns, and functional condition of most Program Products, reuse is generally not feasible. As such, the Plan does not include a reuse component.

8.4. RECYCLE, ENERGY RECOVERY, RESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL

The Plan follows the hierarchy, prioritizing recycling where feasible, followed by energy recovery, and responsible disposal (incineration or secure landfill). Final disposition depends on the composition of the product and the capabilities of available processing facilities. This section describes how Program Products are typically managed.

Paint

Paint products are primarily managed through both recycling and energy recovery pathways. Water-based paint is recycled when possible. Oil-based and aerosol paints are typically blended for energy recovery. Paints unsuitable for either are incinerated or securely landfilled. Given the climate in the Yukon, it is expected that recycling will be limited as compared to other jurisdictions.

Flammables, corrosives, toxics, pesticides, and animal deterrents

Due to the nature and composition of these types of Programs Products, recycling options are often not technically or economically or regulatory feasible. These products are generally treated through neutralization, incineration, or fuel blending. Where none of these are viable, and where permissible by law, secure landfill is used.

Lighting products

Lamps are typically dismantled in controlled environments to recover recyclable materials, such as glass, metal, and ceramics, which are then processed for various applications. Hazardous components, such as mercury, are carefully extracted, stabilized, and sent for secure landfill.

Alarms

Alarms are sorted by type (e.g., ionization, photoelectric), dismantled, and their components batteries, plastics, and metals are recycled. Ionization technology utilizes Americium-241 foil, these are sent to a licensed long-term radioactive storage facility.

Containers

After removing residual material, metal containers are typically recycled as scrap metal where feasible. Plastic containers are recycled if technically and economically viable. Recycling containers that contained paint and hazardous materials is very difficult. Where it's not viable or feasible to recycle metal or plastic containers (e.g., pesticides, toxics etc.), they are incinerated or sent for energy recovery.

The management of Program Products is influenced by fluctuating market conditions and may therefore vary over time.

9. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

In pursuant to Section 13(2)(q) of the Regulation, this section outlines a description of how the adverse environmental impacts of the designated materials to be collected and recovered under the Plan will be reduced or eliminated.

The designated materials collected under this Plan vary in their environmental impact. Some products, such as paints, solvents, and pesticides, pose environmental risks if improperly managed, including contamination of soil, water, and air. Others may not pose immediate environmental hazards but still offer opportunities to reduce environmental impacts by conserving resources, minimizing waste, and reducing the need for raw material extraction. By managing a structured collection and management system, the Plan reduces these risks through safe handling, transportation, and processing.

While efforts to reduce adverse environmental impacts are a priority, considerations must be given to fact that the Regulation requires the establishment of a collection system, transportation and proper management of collected

Program Products. These requirements and the resulting activities will naturally generate environmental impacts. Although certain environmental impacts may be reduced, the implementation of the Plan may lead to increased environmental impacts from activities such as:

- Transportation of end-of-life Program Products from collection sites or collection events to consolidation hubs and processors.
- Transportation of supplies from consolidation hubs to collection sites and events (e.g. collection supplies, spill kits, signage).
- Mechanical and chemical processes used to segregate and recycle Program Products.
- Transportation of sorted and processed materials to facilities utilizing the raw materials for reuse in new products.

Product Care actively works to minimize environmental impacts of Program Products management by:

1. Leveraging existing collection sites to minimize environmental impacts from construction activities of new collection sites.
2. Maximizing transportation load management; including utilizing contractors that work to improve efficiencies through technologies that optimize collection routes, and logistics for consolidating, transferring, and processing Program Products.
3. Coordinating with local governments and other PROs on their collection events to include Program Products where possible.
4. Where possible by choosing local recycling processors.

Due to Yukon's geography, limited service network, and low material volumes, opportunities to significantly reduce transportation, and processing related greenhouse gas emissions are limited. Nevertheless, the Plan will continue to evaluate options to improve environmental outcomes as part of its regular plan review and reporting.

10. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Consumers are an integral component of the recycling ecosystem; without their participation, responsible end-of-life management of consumer products cannot be achieved. For this reason, a concerted communications strategy must be deployed to ensure consumers of designated products:

1. Understand how to reduce waste by buying only what they need, using it fully, and disposing of leftovers safely (the BUD Rule);
2. Are aware that the product can be recycled; and
3. Know the steps/process for how to recycle said product.

Product Care Recycling will implement a tailored strategy to meet these objectives, complying with our obligations under Regulatory Requirement 13(2)(o). The following section provides a high-level summary of activities that will be undertaken as part of this strategy.

10.1. ONLINE INFORMATION HUB

Product Care owns and manages productcare.org which serves as an information hub. The site is consumer-facing and has been designed to meet their specific needs. Website content includes:

- Plan information
- Listing of designated materials accepted for collection under the Plan
- Listing of non-accepted products, emphasizing those easily mistaken for accepted Program Products
- Information on how to access collection sites, including tips on storing, handling, and dropping-off designated materials
- Details on Plan funding and EHF's
- Details on the recycling/end-of-life process for designated materials
- Recycling locator

- Interactive map displaying the locations of collection sites within the territory, along with their hours of operation and contact information. The database of collection sites will be regularly updated to ensure consumers receive accurate information.
- Contact details for relevant Plan administrative staff to field questions and concerns from residents, community groups, municipalities, and other stakeholders

10.2. PROVIDE A TOLL-FREE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS

To increase access to information regarding recycling for Yukon residents, Product Care will manage a consumer-facing toll-free number and email address.

10.3. PROVIDE PRINTED EDUCATIONAL ASSETS TO POINTS OF SALE (POS) AND POINT OF RETURN (POR) SITES

The optimal time to educate a consumer that a product is recyclable is at the time of purchase. Similarly, informing consumers who regularly recycle that other products they may own can *also* be recycled is equally valuable, as these consumers are already demonstrating an interest in recycling. For these reasons, Product Care will develop a suite of printed educational materials that will be made available at no cost to retailers and collection sites.

10.4. EXECUTE COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PROGRAM

Communication campaigns are a proactive mechanism to reach consumers of designated products and influence their future behaviour regarding the product's end-of-life. Education-focused campaigns will be developed to reach both rural areas and urban centres.

11. PROGRAM METRICS

Program Performance Targets

In accordance with Section 13(2)(e) of the Regulation, the Plan is required to report a collection rate, defined as the ratio of the weight of products collected to the weight of products sold in Yukon during a given year.

The Plan will report collection rates annually by Program Product. However, the collection rate will not be used as a performance metric. The diverse nature of Program Products—including hazardous materials, consumables, and products with long or variable life spans—makes the collection rate an unreliable indicator of Plan effectiveness. Products may be fully consumed or stored for extended periods before being discarded, and sales in a given year may not align with what is available for collection.

Additionally, the Plan promotes responsible purchasing behavior (e.g., the "buy the right amount" message), which may result in less leftover material requiring collection. As such, low collection rates may indicate improved consumer practices rather than underperformance. This further limits the usefulness of the collection rate as a standalone measure.

While no collection rate targets have been established, the Plan will report collection rates calculated from data obtained using appropriate conversion factors for each product type, as outlined in Table 2.

In accordance with Section 13(2)(f) of the Regulation, the Plan will evaluate the feasibility of adopting alternative or additional performance targets. For this, during Years 1 to 3, data will be collected and analyzed to establish a baseline. By the end of Year 3, the Plan will submit a proposal to the Minister recommending any applicable performance targets for Years 4 and 5.

12. ANNUAL REPORT

Reporting Measures

To meet the requirements outlined in Section 13(2)(g) and 17(2)(b) to (e) of the Regulation, the Plan will report annually on the following metrics categorized by material type (Program Products), where applicable:

12.1. PRODUCT SOLD, PRODUCT COLLECTED, AND COLLECTION RATE

The Plan will track and report the total amounts of Program Products sold and collected, categorized by product subcategory (type) as outlined in Table 2.

In accordance with the Regulation, quantities must be reported by weight. However, for certain Program Products, litres or units may be a more practical and accurate measure. In these cases, reporting will be done in litres or units, depending on the material.

The reporting metrics for Program Products are outlined in Table 2.

Table 2 - Product subcategories and reporting metrics used for reporting²

Product Subcategory	Reporting Metric
Flammables	Litres
Non-refillable pressurized containers	Units
Toxics	Litres
Corrosives	Litres
Domestic pesticides	Litres
Paint products	Litres
Animal deterrents	Litres
Lighting products	Units
Alarms ³	Units

12.2. PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

The Plan will report on the amount of Program Products managed at each level of the waste management hierarchy, categorized by material type as outlined in Table 2.

12.3. TRACKING AND AUDITING MECHANISMS

In accordance with Section 17(3)–(5) of the Regulation, independently audited financial statements will be included in every third annual report, beginning with the second annual report submitted under this Plan.

The audited financial statements will detail the following:

- All deposits received from and refunds paid to stewards participating in the Plan (if applicable);
- Revenues and expenditures related to any fees charged at the point-of-sale to end users and identified on sales invoices;
- Total expenditures for operating the Plan;
- Administrative costs incurred in the delivery of the Plan; and
- Amounts spent on public education, awareness, and communications activities.

In addition, every three years, beginning with the second annual report, a separate non-financial audit report verifying the information in the most recent annual report will be submitted by September 1. This audit report will be made publicly available in accordance with the Regulation.

² Conversion rates will be used to convert metrics into common units

³ Due to the limited number of producers in this product subcategory, reporting sales could risk disclosing confidential business information. As a result, data for this subcategory will not be publicly reported.

12.4. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Plan contracts with all suppliers and service providers by way of commercial agreements. In accordance with Section 13(2)(r) of the Regulation, any disputes that arise related to the collection and management of the product during operation of the Plan are addressed through Product Care's dispute resolution procedure, which follows normal commercial dispute resolution practices, including:

- Discussion between the service provider and Product Care manager
- If necessary, escalation of discussion to Product Care senior staff
- If necessary, escalation of discussion to Product Care board
- If necessary, undertaking legal proceedings, including the option of mediation or binding arbitration, with the consent of the parties

The first two procedures can be conducted with the consent of both parties, via conference call and/or video conferencing, including actual recordings of the meetings to be made available to both parties.

13. APPENDIX A – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN⁴

In accordance with the requirements set out in Section 13(2)(h), the timeline below outlines the key preparatory actions and milestones that will be undertaken prior to the Plan's official launch.

Key Measures	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
1. PLAN DEVELOPMENT								
Publish draft Plan on website for public review								
Conduct stakeholder webinars								
Revise draft Plan to incorporate feedback from consultation								
Submit Plan to Minister								
Provide clarifications to Minister								
Receive approval from Minister								
2. PROGRAM PREPARATION								
Engage Community Services and KBL								
Engage municipalities, local and First Nations governments								
Establish Advisory Committee								
Update stewards on program status and prepare for program registration								
Update Plan website								
Ramp-up awareness campaign								
3. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION								
Plan launch								

⁴ The timeline presented is preliminary and intended for planning purposes only. This tentative schedule is based on a Plan launch date of October 2025, as referenced in the Regulation. The timeline may be adjusted pending the timing of the Plan's approval.

14. APPENDIX B – LISTS OF STEWARDS

Pursuant to Section 10(3) of the Regulation, the Minister may request for a list of stewards represented by the producer responsibility organization. Accordingly, the list of stewards that have designated Product Care as the third-party representative under the Stewardship Program will be submitted to the Minister following the launch of the Plan.



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15. APPENDIX C – A LIST OF PROGRAM PRODUCTS AND NON-PROGRAM PRODUCTS

In accordance with Section 13 (2)(a) of the Regulation, Table outlines the designated materials (Program Products) that will be collected and recovered under the Plan. The list of Program Products is subject to change. For the most current list of Program Products, please contact Product Care directly.

Table 3 - Definitions for Program Products and Non-Program Products

Subcategory	Program Products Included in the Plan	Products Not Included in the Plan
Flammable product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solid or liquid product displaying the flammable hazard symbol described in the Consumer Chemicals and Containers Regulations, 2001 (Canada) and with a primary intended use not being poured down the drain  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A flammable liquid product, other than gasoline, supplied in containers with a maximum capacity of 10 L A flammable solid product supplied in container with a maximum capacity of 10 kg Gasoline sold for use in spark ignition engines A flammable product containing, by volume, more than 50% water miscible flammable liquid as defined by the National Fire Code of Canada, as published by the National Research Council of Canada and as amended from time to time, with the remainder of the product not being flammable A container used to supply a flammable product mentioned above. Container sizes equal to or smaller than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid – 10 L Solid – 10 kg Gasoline – 25 L and the container must be approved by the Underwriters Laboratories of Canada Non-refillable pressurized fuel cylinder for flammable gas under pressure with a maximum water capacity of 23 L Only flammable products, defined above, in their original manufacturer-labeled containers will be accepted in the Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flammable products that are packaged in container sizes greater than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid other than gasoline – greater than 10 L Solid – greater than 10 kg Gasoline – in containers greater than 25 L Non-refillable flammable gas cylinders – greater than 23 L A flammable product with a primary intended use of being poured down the drain A flammable product containing, by volume, less than 50% water miscible flammable liquid, as defined by the National Fire Code of Canada, as published by the National Research Council of Canada and as amended from time to time, with the remainder of the product not being flammable Flammable lubricants, antifreeze, and diesel exhaust fluid captured under lubricating oil category Containers that use gas only as a propellant for a product that is not flammable (e.g. hair spray) Under the non-refillable pressurized fuel gas cylinders: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Butane lighters Cylinders that use as only as a propellant for another product Medical cylinders used by a medical facility Industrial-grade cylinders used by a commercial enterprise Cylinders, tubes and containers that are supplied with refrigerants, acetylene, hydrogen, or ethylene Cylinders, tubes and containers that are punctured upon use Aerosol containers

Subcategory	Program Products Included in the Plan	Products Not Included in the Plan
Toxic product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product displaying the toxic hazard symbol described in the Consumer Chemicals and Containers regulations, 2001 (Canada) and with primary intended use not being poured down the drain  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A toxic liquid toxic product supplied in container with a maximum capacity 10 L A toxic solid toxic product supplied in container with a maximum capacity 10 kg A toxic gaseous product supplied in a pressurized container with a maximum capacity 680 mL or g A container used to supply a toxic product mentioned above. Container sizes equal to or smaller than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid – 10 L Solid – 10 kg Pressurized container – 680 mL or g Toxic products defined above in their original manufacturer-labeled containers will be accepted in the Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toxic products that are packaged in container sizes greater than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid – greater than 10 L Solid – greater than 10 kg Pressurized containers – greater than 680 mL or g A toxic product with a primary intended use of being poured down the drain Toxic products regulated by other PROs, such as antifreeze, and diesel exhaust fluid, which fall under lubricating oil category
Corrosive product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product displaying the corrosive hazard symbol described in the Consumer Chemicals and Containers regulations, 2001 (Canada) and with primary intended use not being poured down the drain  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A liquid corrosive product supplied in a container with a maximum capacity of 10 L A solid corrosive product supplied in a container with a maximum capacity of 10 kg A corrosive gaseous product supplied in a pressurized container with a maximum capacity of 680 mL or g <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A container used to supply a corrosive product mentioned above. Container sizes equal to or smaller than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid – 10 L Solid – 10 kg Pressurized container – 680 mL or g 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrosive products that are packaged in container sizes greater than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid – greater than 10 L Solid – greater than 10 kg Pressurized containers – greater than 680 mL or g A corrosive product with primary intended use of being poured down the drain e.g. bleach, pool chemicals etc. Cement and other masonry products (e.g. grout, mortar)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrosive products defined above in their original manufacturer-labeled containers will be accepted in the Plan 	
Domestic pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pesticide displaying the product class designation 'DOMESTIC' on the label as required by the Pest Control Products Regulations (Canada) (PCPR) and the symbol shown in Schedule 3 of the PCPR for the signal word "Poison"  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A liquid domestic pesticide product supplied in a container with a maximum capacity 10 L A solid domestic pesticide product supplied in a container with a maximum capacity 10 kg A domestic pesticide product supplied in a pressurized container with a maximum capacity 680 mL or g A container used to supply the domestic pesticide mentioned above. Container sizes equal to or smaller than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid – 10 L Solid – 10 kg Pressurized containers – 680 mL or g Domestic pesticides defined above in their original manufacturer-labeled containers will be accepted in the Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic pesticides that are packaged in container sizes greater than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid – greater than 10 L Solid – greater than 10 kg Pressurized containers – greater than 680 mL or g Insect repellants Insecticidal soaps Domestic any traps Antimicrobial products Diatomaceous earth Commercial, agricultural, and restricted classifications registered under the PCPA Sanitizers and disinfectants Products for use on pets Products formulated for agricultural use Unpackaged products or products not ordinarily sold to, used or purchased by an end user without repackaging
Paint product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Architectural coating" - paint or coating, whether tinted or untinted, intended for interior or exterior surfaces of residential, commercial, institutional or industrial structures Latex and oil-based architectural paint in container with a maximum capacity of 25 L Aerosol paint in pressurized container with a maximum capacity of 680 g or 24 oz A container used to supply a paint product mentioned above Paint defined above in their original manufacturer-labeled containers will be accepted in the Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint products that are packaged in container sizes greater than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Paint – greater than 25 L Aerosol paint – greater than 680 g or 24 oz Unpressurized coatings formulated for industrial, automotive or marine anti-fouling applications Colourants, tints, resins 2-part or component paints Products registered as a pesticide under the PCPA Tar or bitumen-based products Non-aerosol traffic or line marking paint Surface preparation products such as cleaners, and adhesion promoters Non-aerosol rubber water-proofing coatings, such as automotive undercoats, foundation coating, and rubberized tool-grip coatings

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint additives, such as tint, or thinning/thickening compounds
Animal deterrent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal deterrents that contain capsaicin and is intended to be used as an animal deterrent without reformulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A liquid animal deterrent product supplied in a container with a maximum capacity of 10 L A solid animal deterrent product supplied in a container with a maximum capacity of 10 kg An animal deterrent product supplied in a pressurized container with a maximum capacity of 680 mL or g A container used to supply animal deterrent products mentioned above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal deterrent products without capsaicin Animal deterrent products that serve purposes beyond an animal repellent e.g. pre-treated seeds or suet Capsaicin-containing animal deterrent products not intended for domestic use: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Non-ready-for-use products (excluding concentrates intended for use by end-users without the need for further reformulation or repackaging) Animal deterrent products that are intended for manufacturing, formulating, and repackaging
Lighting product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluorescent tubes Compact fluorescent bulbs High-intensity discharge bulbs Incandescent bulbs Light-emitting diode lamps The above lighting products that are built into another product and is designed to be removed by end-users <p>Lighting products, the primary purpose of which is to provide a light source from electricity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting products that are built into another product and is not designed to be removed by end-users Light fixtures Lighting ballasts UV disinfecting light fixtures (bulbs / lamps are accepted if removed from the product) Light strings (bulbs / lamps are accepted if removed from the product)
Alarm ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoke alarms and combination of smoke / carbon monoxide alarms Carbon monoxide alarms Smoke detectors 	

When a Program Product fits into multiple product subcategories, it is generally classified based on the product's intended use, Transportation of Dangerous Goods classification, or disposal method. For example, oil-based paint may be flammable, but is classified as paint. Antifouling paint, registered and labelled as a domestic pesticide, is processed as a pesticide and therefore is categorized as a domestic pesticide. The product classification hierarchy and decision are under development for the Plan. Once they are finalized, they will be published [here](#).

⁵ This product will be included in the Plan effective January 1, 2027.

16. APPENDIX D – PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON STEWARDSHIP PLAN

The results of the public consultation will be included in this appendix upon completion of the 65-day consultation period.

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