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Dear Mannie Cheung:

I approve your Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan effective July 1, 2023. This approval marks eleven successful years of the program's operations in Manitoba and recognizes the Product Care Association of Canada's continued dedication to protecting the environment. This Approval will expire June 30, 2028, pursuant to Section 7(4) of the Regulation under the Waste Reduction and Prevention Act unless otherwise noted.

This Approval is issued to the Product Care Association of Canada under Section 7(2) of the Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation, 2006 (Regulation), and is subject to the Product Care Association of Canada meeting the conditions as set forth in "Attachment A" of this letter, which forms part of this Approval.

Increasing waste diversion from landfills and advancing a circular economy are priorities for my department. I appreciate your program's commitment to recycling materials and safely processing household hazardous materials, and I approve of your program plan's collection target for fluorescent lights. As we work to modernize Manitoba's waste diversion and recycling framework, please continue to explore opportunities to promote a circular economy in the province.

Your program has an important role in providing waste diversion services to Manitobans. I appreciate your support in helping communities acquire infrastructure to facilitate product collections, and I approve of your program plan's target to increase the number of full-service collection sites. Thank you for participating in the Winter Roads backhaul program providing program coverage to several First Nations communities.

I encourage you to continue to increase program accessibility to Manitoba's municipalities and communities that are ready to accept your services, including northern, remote and Indigenous communities.

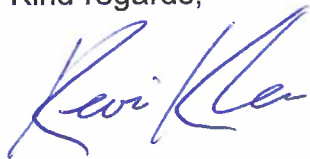
Manitobans suggested opportunities for increasing awareness of waste diversion and recycling programs through more engagement. I approve of your program plan's consumer awareness target, and I encourage you to continue exploring engagement strategies to reach all Manitobans, including our Indigenous peoples and youth.

Going forward, my department will meet with you or your designated representative on an annual basis as an opportunity for you to share your program's progress and opportunities for continuous improvement.

The Product Care Association of Canada should submit its next application for renewal of this Approval by October 31, 2027 to allow adequate time for review and public consultations. However, you may apply for approval of an amendment to your stewardship plan at any time, under Section 13(1) of the Regulation.

I look forward to our continued collaboration on this program. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Kelly Kuryk, A/Senior Manager, Environmental Policy and Delivery Unit, at Kelly.Kuryk@gov.mb.ca or 431-374-9424.

Kind regards,



Honorable Kevin Klein
Minister of Environment and Climate

Attachment

- c. Kelly Kuryk
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ATTACHMENT A Conditions of Approval

Product Care Association of Canada

The conditions set forth below form part of the Ministerial approval for the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan pursuant to the Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation.

If the conditions are not met, the Minister may suspend or cancel the approval of the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Program Plan under Section 11(1) of the Regulation.

Any notices to be provided to the department pursuant to this approval are to be submitted in writing to: Senior Manager, Environmental Policy and Delivery Unit, Manitoba Environment and Climate, Box 37 - 14 Fultz Boulevard, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3Y 0L6.

The conditions of this approval are:

THAT the Product Care Association of Canada:

1. Implement and operate the program substantially in accordance with its intent, consistent with the requirements of The Waste Reduction and Prevention Act, the Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation, the Guideline for Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship, and these Conditions of Approval, as approved and amended from time to time.
2. Retained earnings shown on the Product Care Association of Canada's financial statement for the Manitoba program (total revenues less total expenditures), as determined by an external auditor, shall not at any time during the term of this approval, exceed an amount equal to one year's program revenue.
3. Submit annual reports to the department's senior manager who administers The Waste Reduction and Prevention Act, per the applicable regulation and guidelines.
4. Maintain its status as a body corporate and registration under The Corporations Act, C.C.S.M. c. C225 (Manitoba) while operating the program.
5. Develop accessibility standards by 2027 to support reasonable access to program collection services by Manitobans.