

**Post-Consumer Pharmaceutical
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Medications Return Program News Bulletin



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PROVINCIAL UPDATE

BC Program Plan submission to MOE

Following public consultation with our members and other stakeholders, PCPSA presented the revised *Medications Return Program* plan for approval. The MOE hopes to complete the reviews by March; existing stewardship plans are still valid while the new plans are in the process of being reviewed.

Part of the plan approval is confirming that producers/brand-owners have appointed an agency to perform specified duties on their behalf. Payments of dues are not deemed sufficient for confirming the appointment of PCPSA. Companies that have not submitted an application for membership have been notified.

The majority of brand-owners submitted a registration form along with their first payment toward the *Medications Return Program*. We used this as the confirmation of appointment. If a member is unclear as to its status in relation to producers' written notification, please contact the office. Program Plan consultation results are posted on our website at http://www.medicationsreturn.ca/british_columbia_en.php scroll down to the bottom of the page.

MANITOBA Green Manitoba and Manitoba Conservation HHW Regulation drafted

Following an Industry Consultation Workshop held in Winnipeg in October 2005, Green Manitoba has worked with Manitoba Conservation to develop a draft Household Hazardous Material Stewardship Regulation. Green Manitoba is a new provincial agency that will implement many of the activities outlined in the province's "[Green and Growing](#)" strategy, including product stewardship programs for household hazardous waste (such as pharmaceuticals and self-care health products), tires, blue box materials, waste from electronic products and paint

Green Manitoba is seeking industry funding organizations to manage the various classes of materials to be regulated. PCPSA has been asked to participate with Green Manitoba and other stakeholders, as necessary, on a working group to:

1. lead the formation of an Industry Funding Organization (IFO) and initiate development of a stewardship program for pharmaceuticals and self-care health products;
2. develop an initial list of industry stewards in Manitoba; and,
3. and provide feedback on Manitoba's draft Household Hazardous Material Stewardship Regulation and Guidelines.

PCPSA will convene a working group comprised of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association, Manitoba Society of Pharmacists, Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors and Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores to develop a program plan. Green Manitoba hosted a conference call on October 30th, for the stakeholders that will be impacted by the new household hazardous waste regulations. A summary of the meeting is available upon request.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS IN CANADA Summary

In Canada there are over 50 stewardship programs in operation. These deal with waste oil, rechargeable batteries, tires, needles & sharps, beverage containers, consumer packaging and printed materials, electronic products, household special waste, used pharmaceuticals, used agricultural pesticide containers, and derelict motor vehicles. Document taken the Canadian Stewardship 2006 Webcast.

	Oil	Tires	Organics	Beverage Cntrs Levy	Beverage Packg. Deposits	WDO - Style Laws	Used Paint	Printed Materials	Electronics	Fluorescents	Batteries	Household Special	Pharmaceuticals	Needles / Sharps	Autos	Milk Containers	Pesticide Cntrs	Ink Cart./ Cell Phones
Newfoundland	★	★			★		●				●	★		●		●	★	★
Nova Scotia	★	★			★		★	★	●		★	★	★	★		●	★	★
New Brunswick	★	★			★		●				●	★				●	★	★
P.E.I.	★	★	★	■			★		★	★	★	★	★	★	★			
Quebec	★	★	●		★	★	★	★	●		★	●	●		●			
Ontario	●	●	●		★	★	●	★	●	●	★	●	●	●	●			
Manitoba	★	★		★	■	●		●		●	★	●		★				
Saskatchewan	★	★			★	●	★		★								★	★
Alberta	★	★			★	●	●		★		★	●	★		●		★	★
British Columbia	★	★			★		★		●		★	★	★		●	●		

■ Manitoba Product Stewardship Program - Levy on soft drinks only.
 ■ P.E.I. - Refillable Bottle - Deposit system (no cans/PET)

ONT - Deposits on wine, liquor & beer only

VARIA

- Membership in PCPSA is confirmed with several chain drug stores retailers.
 - Publicity in the western provinces on the *Medications Return Program* with London Drugs flyers.
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BC MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

The following is an update on the program in British Columbia for the July - September 2006 period.

- Weight for the quarter is up by 14% from 2005. The number of containers received has increased by 28% from a year ago.
- One shipment was made to Cristallo Engineering Technologies for incineration in this quarter.

Collection Summary (actual):	Q3 - 2006	YTD 2006	Q3 - 2005	YTD-2005
Containers Shipped to Pharmacies	450	1,447	349	1,149
Containers Received from Pharmacies	414	1,275	324	1,072
Weight of Pharmaceuticals (kg)	4,738	15,048	4,148	13,655

FORTHCOMING FROM THE OFFICE

- Reply to requests for additional information on the *Medications Return Program* Plan from the B.C. Ministry of Environment.
 - Coordination of meetings on Manitoba HHW proposed regulation with interested stakeholders.
 - Organize a survey to measure public awareness and attitude on medications return programs in British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba.
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