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RE: Amendments to the Pest Control Products Regulations (PCPR) regarding the importation of pest control products for personal use

To Whom It May Concern:

Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) is responsible for administering the *Pest Control Products Act* (PCPA) and Regulations (PCPR) which include requirements for the importation of pest control products into Canada, including those used by consumers.

As you may be aware, regulatory amendments to section 3(1)(f) of the PCPR, the Personal Use Import Exemption, were published in Canada Gazette Part II in October 2017 and come into force on **April 18, 2018**. These amendments change the exemption requirements for the importation of unregistered pest control product(s) into Canada for personal use. The amended regulation allows for the importation of unregistered pesticides if they satisfy the following criteria:

3(1)(f) a pest control product, other than an organism or a device of a type described in Schedule 1, that is imported into Canada by a user for their personal use, that is in their personal possession at the time of the importation and that meets the following conditions:

- (i) the total quantity of the product does not exceed 500 g or 500 mL,
- (ii) by virtue of its active ingredient and concentration, the product would have the product class designation "DOMESTIC" if it were registered in Canada,
- (iii) the product is registered or otherwise authorized in the country of origin as a product equivalent to a pest control product,
- (iv) the product is in its original package with the original label intact,
- (v) the information on the package and label is in either English or French, is clear and legible, allows for the determination of the active ingredient, concentration and quantity of the product and includes the registration or authorization number assigned by the regulatory body in the country of origin.

It is important to note that in addition to the expanded criteria outlined in subsections i-v above, the amended regulation requires that the pest control product must be in the personal possession of the importer at the time of importation. **Under the amended exemption, third party importation (e.g., via postal or courier services) will no longer be permissible for the importation of unregistered pest control products into Canada for personal use.**

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For more information about the Personal Use Import Exemption amendments please visit:
<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2017/64872a-eng.php>.

We would also like to use this opportunity to remind you of some best practices when importing pesticides into Canada:

- Use the [PMRA Label Search website or mobile application](#) to confirm the Canadian registration status of pest control products.
- When submitting customs information to CBSA (and to Health Canada, when requested), provide detailed information such as:
 - Accurate and complete name and address of the shipper and importer
 - In the Description of Goods field:
 - Use clear descriptions of the product (e.g. trade name). Avoid vague descriptions such as “insecticide”, “pesticide”, “weed killer”
 - Include product name and valid registration or authorization number (e.g., PCP#, Research, Foreign Product Use, etc.), if applicable
 - Purpose of import (e.g., for resale/manufacture/research)
 - Active ingredient name & concentration
 - Ensure the correct Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) code is used as per the Customs Tariff.

Please see the attached handout for more information. If you have any questions about this amended regulation or the importation of pest control products into Canada, please do not hesitate to contact the PMRA Information Service (HC.pmra.info-arla.SC@canada.ca or 1-800-267-6315) or your regional Pesticide Compliance Program office using the attached contact list.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

- Contact List: Pesticide Compliance Program
- Factsheet: Importing Pesticides into Canada- What do you need to know?

Contact List: Pesticide Compliance Program/ Liste de personnes-ressources: Programme national de surveillance de la conformité des pesticides

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Importing Pesticides into Canada- What do you need to know?

Health Canada's **Pest Management Regulatory Agency** is responsible for administering the ***Pest Control Products Act*** (PCPA) and Regulations, which include requirements for the importation of pest control products into Canada. The primary objective of the PCPA is to prevent **unacceptable risks to people and the environment** from the use of pest control products.

To **monitor** and **verify** that imported pest control products meet the requirements of the PCPA, inspectors may:

- Open & examine any package
- Order the production of documents or information
- Seize & detain pest control products
- Deny entry of shipments into Canada
- Order the removal or destruction of an unlawful import from Canada

You are required to provide all reasonable assistance and relevant information to inspectors when requested, including documentation.

What is a pest control product?

- a product, an organism or a substance...that directly or indirectly **controls, destroys, attracts or repels a pest**
- any other thing that is prescribed to be a pest control product

This includes:

- Insecticide - controls insects
- Fungicide - controls plant diseases
- Herbicide - controls weeds
- Rodenticide – controls rodents
- Slimicide – slime control in pulp and paper production
- Animal repellent – deters deer, bears, dogs, birds
- Personal insect repellent – deters mosquitoes, ticks, *etc.*
- Wood preservative – prevents rot
- Anti-fouling paint – boat bottom paint; prevents barnacles
- Devices - ultrasonic and electronic repellants
- Microorganisms bacteria, viruses, fungi, *etc.*

To be **eligible for importation into Canada**, a pest control product must be registered, authorized, scheduled, or exempted under the PCPA:

- **Registered** products have a valid Pest Control Product Number (registration number).
- **Authorized** products will have a Research Authorization or Research Notification certificate number, or a Grower Own Use certificate number.
- **Scheduled** products and conditions are listed in the Regulations (e.g., some pool & spa products, fertilizer/pesticide combination products).
- Some products are **exempted** from registration (e.g. products exclusively for research in a laboratory) while others are exempted from application of the PCPA (e.g. personal imports meeting the exemption criteria).
- Others are **regulated under another Act** (e.g. DIN registered products)

Questions? Contact your local **Pesticide Compliance Program Regional Office**.

Best Practices for Importing Pesticides into Canada

- Use the **PMRA label search** website or mobile application to confirm registration status of pest control products
- Provide **detailed information** to CBSA (and Health Canada when requested), such as:
 - Accurate and complete name & address of shipper & importer
 - In the Description of Goods field:
 - Avoid vague descriptions such as “insecticide”, “pesticide”, “weed killer”
 - Include product name and valid registration # or authorization (e.g., GROU, Research- if applicable)
 - Purpose of import (e.g., for resale/manufacture/research)
 - Active ingredient name & guarantee (concentration)
- Contact your local **Pesticide Compliance Program Regional Office** with any questions

For more information contact your Pesticide Compliance Program Regional Office or the PMRA Information Service at:

1-800-267-6315
613-736-3799 (outside Canada)
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Additional Resources

Pesticides and Pest Management website (Health Canada)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/pesticides-pest-management.html>

Pest Control Products Act & Regulations

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-9.01/index.html>

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2006-124/index.html>

Memorandum 19-9-1: *The Administration of Health Canada Acts and Regulations Relating to Certain Controlled, Prohibited or Regulated Goods*

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d19/d19-9-1-eng.html>

CFIA- Automated Import Reference System (AIRS)

<http://inspection.gc.ca/english/imp/airse.shtml>

PMRA Label Search website

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/pesticides-pest-management/registrants-applicants/tools/pesticide-label-search.html>

Download the app:

The FREE Pesticide Labels App is available for iOS, Android & the Amazon App Store for Blackberry or scan the QR code from your device.

