



Extended Producer Responsibility & the Lighting Program in British Columbia, Canada

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Extended Producer Responsibility in BC

- Make manufacturers more responsible for the packaging and other waste created by their products. (CAP 2008)
- OECD's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) model...

“A management system based on industry and consumers taking life-cycle responsibility for the products they produce and use”





Roles & Responsibilities

Producers

- Develop & consult on plans
- Achieve outcomes
- Demonstrate performance



Consumers

- Participate

Provincial Government

- Outcomes, plan approval
- Monitor, enforce

Local Government

- Education and cooperation
- Optional service provider



Current Programs

1. Beverage Containers
2. Pharmaceuticals
3. Paint
4. Pesticides
5. Batteries
6. Cell phones
7. Gasoline
8. Tires
9. Electronics
10. Audio Visual
11. Thermostats
12. Used Oil, Containers and Filters
13. Antifreeze
14. Solvents, flammable liquids, pesticides
15. Lead Acid Batteries
16. Fluorescent lamps
17. Small Appliances
18. Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms



Upcoming Programs 2011-2012

1. Lighting Equipment (July 2012)
2. Electric/electronic tools (July 2012)
3. Automatic dispensers (July 2012)
4. E-Toys (July 2012)
5. IT telecom. equipment (July 2012)
6. Monitoring/control (July 2012)
7. Packaging (May 2014)



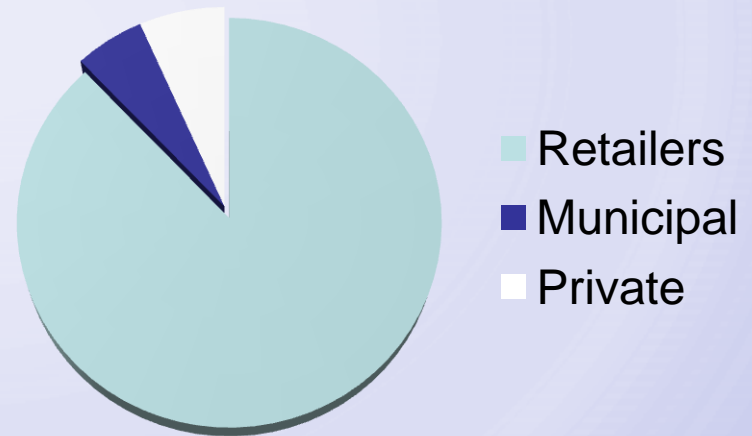
Fluorescent Lighting EPR in BC

- In July 2010, BC added all fluorescent lights sold for residential use to the Recycling Regulation
- The Product Care Association submitted a Product Stewardship Plan to the Ministry in February 2010 and it was approved in March 2010.
- The lighting program launched July 1, 2010, on schedule.

Fluorescent Lights – Current

- Collection sites are primarily retailers
- Annual report for the first 6 months of operation received on July 1, 2011
- Program is meeting first year targets

Collection Sites





Lighting Phase 2 in BC

- In July 2012, the light program will expand to include all lighting equipment, parts and bulbs, including lamps, fixtures and flashlights
- Product Care Association submitted an initial draft plan to the Ministry in August, 2011
- Stakeholder consultations were held in September and their revised plan was submitted in October, 2011 (under review, pending approval)



Summary

- EPR is as easy or as difficult as you want to make it
- Key: Ensure roles are clearly defined between government and industry
- Don't try to reinvent the wheel; industry wants x-border policy harmonization and government can benefit through shared resources/expertise
- Lighting is a good example of a successful program that can be duplicated across jurisdictions



Questions ?