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Product Care's QC Mercury-Containing Lamps Product Stewardship Program

Notice to Members and Stakeholders on Fee Rates and Timeline

Background:

Product Care Association (PCA) has developed a product stewardship program in Quebec for mercury-containing lamps in response to the [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#).

The Regulation obligates all "first suppliers" of the designated products (including mercury containing lamps) to either operate or be a member of an approved program, and to notify the MDDEP no later than April 14, 2012.

PCA is now registered as a non-profit organization in Québec under the name Association des Producteurs Responsables (APR). PCA/APR has now been accredited by [RECYC-QUÉBEC](#) to conduct a product stewardship program for mercury-containing lamps in Quebec on behalf of PCA/APR's program members.

If you need more details, please see the [entente d'agrément \(only in French\)](#).

Collection System Timeline:

PCA/APR has acquired the existing collection system "Recyc-Fluo" from the Federation des Municipalites du Quebec, and will use the name "Recyc-Fluo" as the program name in Quebec. PCA/APR's collection system will commence in two phases:

- July 14, 2012 for residential-use mercury-containing lamps . This system will be comprised of about 400 collection sites (including municipalities and retailers).
- October 1, 2012 for institutional, commercial and industrial sources of mercury-containing lamps. PCA/APR will be developing this system over the next few months. This system will include collection sites and direct-service options for commercial generators with large (i.e. non-residential) volumes of these products.

Note that it not necessary to act as a collection site in order to be a member of the PCA/APR program, however anyone interested in providing collection site services should contact PCA/APR (see below).

Program Funding and Timing of Eco-Fee Application:

The program will be funded by "eco-fees" applied to the sale or supply of new mercury-containing lamps on a per-unit sold basis. These fees will be paid to PCA/APR by the program members (manufacturers, distributors, retailers etc).

Member "eco-fee" obligations will commence on **October 1, 2012**. The first fee report and remittance will be due by the end of November for sales made in the month of October.

Fee Rates:

Product Care has now finalized the eco-fee rates for the Quebec program. These fee rates are based on the 5 year budget scenario previously discussed with program stakeholders and reflect the unique cost drivers in the QC regulation.

The following table lists the finalized fee categories and rates, effective October 1, 2012 in Quebec. Members can now begin coding these fees into their systems, and should continue discussing the fees and how they will be applied, reported and paid with their suppliers and/or customers. As a reminder, the Quebec regulation limits the use of visible fees in the supply chain.

Lamp Category	Typical Size	Eco-Fee Per Unit Effective Oct 1, 2012
1. Fluorescent Tubes measuring \leq 2 feet	2 feet	\$0.30
2. Fluorescent Tubes measuring $>$ 2 feet and \leq 4 feet	4 feet	\$0.50
3. Fluorescent Tubes measuring $>$ 4 feet	8 feet	\$1.00
4. Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL)	n/a	\$0.20
5. HID and Other: High Pressure Sodium, Low Pressure Sodium, Mercury Vapour and Metal Halide, UV, Germicidal and UHP replacement lamps	n/a	\$1.10

Presales and Contracts Policy:

The program will be issuing a “presales and contracts policy” in the coming week, which will provide clarity on the issue of pre-program sales and contracts supplied by members for the supply of products after October 1, 2012.

One Year Delay for Component Lamps in Fixtures and Other Products:

The Quebec regulation excludes “component” lamps from the requirements of the Regulation until July 14, 2013.

Accordingly as of October 1, 2012 eco-fees will apply only to mercury-containing lamps sold separately from fixtures or other products, as replacement lamps.

Fees will not be applied to mercury-containing lamps integrated into lighting fixtures or other electronic/electrical products (e.g. large appliances, projectors etc.) in cases where the fixture/product and the lamp(s) are sold as a single SKU, as supplied by the Original Equipment Manufacturer. Eco-fees will therefore be applied to replaceable mercury-containing lamps sold integrated into lighting fixtures on July 14, 2013.

The program will consult with relevant stakeholders on how and whether fees will be applied to products other than fixtures that contain mercury-containing lamps prior to this date.

How to join PCA/APR and for More Information:

Further information on joining the PCA/APR program, including information on the eco-fees, how they will be applied, and who in the supply chain should report/remit fees, can be found on the program website at www.productcare.org/Quebec

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