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# Proposal to remove the consumer product exclusion under the *Hazardous Products Act*

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# Issue

- **Consumer products** regulated under the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act* (CCPSA) are excluded from the requirements of the *Hazardous Products Act* (HPA)

The *Consumer Chemicals and Containers Regulations, 2001* under the CCPSA does not require labelling on products that may pose risks to health and safety associated with chronic exposures such as cancer, reproductive toxicity, skin or respiratory sensitization.

- Some **stakeholders have expressed concerns** with the exclusion of consumer products under the HPA, including:
  - consumer products are increasingly used in the workplace without adequate hazard information for workers to use, handle or store these products safely
  - current requirements under the HPA are not sufficient to inform workers of hazards posed by consumer products in workplace settings where these products could be used in higher frequency

# Regulatory path forward

- Further to the Minister of Health's mandate letter commitment to “introduce mandatory labelling of chemicals in consumer products”, Health Canada is considering amendments to the HPA that would:

1.

Remove the consumer product exclusion from Schedule 1 to the HPA

2.

Exempt suppliers of consumer products from the labelling requirements of the HPA and the *Hazardous Products Regulations* (HPR)

3.

Require that suppliers of consumer products that meet the definition of a hazardous product under the HPA provide a safety data sheet (SDS) upon request