
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