CANADA'S CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP)

Intertek understands the importance of industry and government working together to explore and assess opportunities for innovative risk-assessment approaches and risk-management decisions for the thousands of existing chemicals in the marketplace today.

The Canadian Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) is a joint initiative between Environment and Health Canada (EC/HC) to assess and manage the risks associated with 4300 legacy substances identified through the categorization of Existing Substances on the Domestic Substances List (DSL). As the government moves forward with risk management actions under CMP1 and CMP2, and launches data-gathering and risk-assessment initiatives CMP3, the chemical industry needs to advocate for their products and actively engage with government to ensure that science-based decisions receive due consideration.

Your Challenge

Industry can join hands with Environment Canada/Health Canada to contribute to the success of the CMP while representing the interests of their products and markets. Industry has played an important role in the success of the CMP and stakeholders need to continue to ensure that science-based decisions are given due consideration in the assessment and management of priority substances. As part of the CMP1 and CMP2, the Industry Challenge gave rise to many risk management actions and new tools and policies continue to be developed for those high-priority substances categorized, assessed and declared "CEPA toxic" as defined under s.64 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

The third phase of the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP3), was launched May 2016. Supported by additional federal funding, this phase addresses the remaining 1550 substances, and continues the commitment to international data-gathering activities and bilateral relationships, and to addressing all potential exposure sources in risk assessment/ risk management activities (e.g. foods, cosmetics, consumer products, releases). The plan furthers the CMP1 and CMP2 elements outlined above, includes Phase 3 of the DSL Inventory Update (DSL IU) and introduces five "Type Approaches' that will consider that will bring their own challenges including low potential for exposure, reduced data availability and need for cumulative assessment approaches. The government is committed to a 'Fit-For-Purpose' approach to ensure that the focus remains on substances of highest concern, allocating resources appropriately; and engaging stake-holders effectively on substances only when necessary. The CMP has triggered the need for much industry effort to review, and respond to, substance-specific reporting requirements, draft assessment reports, and proposed risk-management controls. This can be a difficult task for industries trying to address these increasing demands with fewer in-house resources.

Our Solutions

Intertek experts can support your efforts to address these regulatory and scientific challenges in a manner that respects your market needs.

We offer the following CMP-related support:

- **Surveillance:** Updating you on the status of all substances being assessed or managed under the CMP;
- **Interpretation:** Determining your obligations to respond to s.71 Notice requirements including those issued under the Challenge, the PSSA, and the DSL IU;
- **Documentation:** Preparing responses to mandatory and voluntary survey questionnaires;
- **Science:** Provide additional technical input into the assessment process;
- **Intelligence:** Informing you of any relevant draft and final Risk Assessment notices and proposed Risk Management measures;
- **Smart Planning:** Providing strategic advice about how screening assessment reports and the decisions proposed in risk management scope documents may impact your business; and
- **Consultation:** Work with the regulatory authorities on matters relating to the proposed hazard-assessment outcomes and risk management measures for your substances.

The Intertek Advantage

Intertek is a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide. Intertek Health, Environmental & Regulatory Services (HERS) has considerable expertise and experience helping companies to understand and comply with the requirements of the CMP. We have helped many companies do the right thing, the right way, the first time, so that they successfully comply with the various legislative requirements or voluntary programs worldwide. We have developed an excellent working relationship with important domestic and international trade associations and with regulatory and scientific advisors within the North American, European and Australian regulatory communities.

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