

Regulatory Essentials – February 05, 2020

Cosmetics Alliance Updates

Cannabis Task Force: Scoping & Strategic Engagement Session

'Smoking Out' the Way of the Future

Cosmetics Alliance (CA) Canada will be holding a Cannabis Task Force Scoping & Strategic Engagement Session as a follow-up to the Cannabis Health Products Briefing that we held this past summer. This session will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at [SCI Logistics](#) in Mississauga from 13:00 – 16:00 EDT.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring members up to date on developments since the last meeting and to outline the details of the Cannabis Task Force that we will be convening in support of this emerging area.

Objectives:

- Understand the outcomes from the Briefing in the summer
- Provide a summary of meeting with the Deputy Minister of Health at which the topic of Cannabis "health products" was identified as a key emerging area for the Department
- Discuss and establish our industry's key principles, strategic data needs and net direction
- Outline preliminary details, expectations and Terms of Reference for our Cannabis Task Force

Join us for this complimentary CA event intended for members interested in understanding how CA Canada is looking to pursue opportunities to enable a legitimate, regulated marketplace for the introduction of cannabis and cannabinoid derivatives as a functional ingredient in personal care products (including cosmetics and low-risk self-care products) in Canada.

Please note participation is recommended in person. However, we are opening up a phone line for those who will not be able to participate in person.

For CA members based in Montreal, Darren Praznik, President & CEO of Cosmetics Alliance will be providing an update at the next CA's Executive Networking Event on March 24, 2020 in Montreal.

To register please email regulatory@cosmeticsalliance.ca with your name, company and whether you will be attending in person or remotely. Please register by no later than Friday, February 14, 2020.

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Membership Renewal

We need your involvement and commitment with the 2020 renewal of your company's membership in order to help Cosmetics Alliance advance the collective interests of the cosmetics and personal care products industry.

[Renew Your Membership](#)

Environmental Updates

Government of Canada Publishes Draft Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) in conjunction with Health Canada (HC) published a “Draft Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution” this past weekend in the February 1st Canada Gazette Part 1 (CG1). Although the CG1 is officially published on the weekend, electronic copies of this publication go live the afternoon prior to its release, which can be downloaded [here](#). This assessment was requested by the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) in support of their “[Zero Plastic Waste Vision](#)” pledged in 2019.

Given our past engagement on the microbeads file and our on-going proactive dialogue with officials on microplastics and matters related to the Canadian Chemicals Management Plan (CMP), CA Canada was able to participate in an ‘invitation only’ briefing on January 30, 2020 where an overview of the report was presented to a multitude of stakeholders. Correspondingly, we were notified that the [report](#) has been released electronically on the Chemical Substances Website prior to its formal publication on Saturday. The corresponding news release that accompanied electronic publication can be found [here](#).

Although the headline accompanying the news release is rather sensationalistic – “Draft Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution confirms negative impact of plastic pollution on the environment in Canada”, this conclusion is not at all surprising, given that pollution, by definition, is not good for the environment. In effect, this report simply confirms some of the underlying science that underpins the politically driven action and international attention on plastic litter that have recently emerged over the past couple of years.

You will note that the title of the report includes the term ‘assessment’; however, this report in no way represents a risk assessment of any sort. This was clearly confirmed during the advanced briefing on January 30, 2020, where officials described this assessment as a ‘State of the Science’ report which is intended to:

- Document the available science on potential impacts of macroplastics, microplastics (including nanoplastic), and microfibre plastic pollution.
- Identify key scientific data gaps
- Call for action to support future research needs to further characterize potential risks attributed to plastic pollution

Correspondingly, this report does not make a conclusion on risk or relative toxicity. Furthermore, it does not specifically target any specific chemistries or polymers or industrial or commercial sector and therefore is reasonably balanced in this regard.

Key conclusions outlined in the report, include:

- Many sources contribute to plastic pollution
- There is significant scientific evidence to demonstrate that macroplastics can cause physical harm to environmental receptors (largely through entanglement or ingestion)
- Information on the impacts of microplastics to human health and the environment is limited, although recommendations for further research are suggested, including the establishment of an “Increasing Knowledge on Plastic Pollution Initiative (IKPP), providing federal funding for science research intended to fill some of the key data gaps identified in the report.

- As a precautionary measure – action is recommended to reduce plastic pollution in the environment

All in all, none of the information outlined in the report is surprising, nor are any of the conclusions unanticipated.

This draft report is subject to a 60-day comment period, ending April 1, 2020 (no joke).

CA Canada will be reviewing the report in detail and will be engaging with officials with commentary, as appropriate. Due to the technical nature of this report, we will be coordinating this review through our Risk Assessment and Ingredient Safety Committee (RAIS), if you are interested in contributing to these follow-up activities, please contact your CA Regulatory Team at regulatory@cosmeticsalliance.ca.

In the meantime, we suggest that you take the time to review this report, as this will have implications on the cosmetic/personal care sector, and touch base with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Draft Screening Assessment for Heptamethylnonane

The [draft screening assessment for heptamethylnonane](#) (HMN) was released on January 31, 2020. The CASRN is 4390-04-9. HMN is a highly branched aliphatic hydrocarbon and is not known to naturally occur in the environment. The substance is primarily used as a skin conditioning agent, emollient, or solvent in self-care products. According to information obtained in a survey issued pursuant to a CEPA section 71 notice, the substance was reported to be imported into Canada in quantities ranging from 10 000 to 100 000 kg and was not reported to be manufactured in Canada above the reporting threshold of 100 kg. HMN is considered to be of low human hazard potential due to the lack of genotoxic, reproductive or developmental effects, and other adverse effects relevant to human health up to 1000 mg/kg bw/day on the basis of oral studies conducted on HMN, and up to 1393 mg/m³ on the basis of inhalation studies conducted on a structurally-related substance. As HMN is considered to be of low hazard potential, and the risk to human health is considered to be low, estimates of exposure to the general population were not derived.

On the basis of the information presented in this draft screening assessment, it is proposed to conclude that HMN does not meet the criteria under paragraph 64(c) of CEPA as it is not entering the environment in a quantity or concentration under conditions that constitute or may constitute a danger in Canada to human life or health.

It is therefore proposed to conclude that HMN does not meet any of the criteria set out in section 64 of CEPA.

Post-Consumer Waste Updates

Consultation Closes on Draft Addendum to MHSW Wind-up Plan

RPRA's consultation on Stewardship Ontario's (SO) draft Residual Funds Addendum to the MHSW Wind-up Plan closed January 31, 2020.

Following direction from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, SO submitted a draft addendum to the MHSW Wind-up Plan on sections dealing with the management of residual funds at the time of program completion. The Authority consulted on the draft addendum in January and hosted a webinar on January 22, 2020. You can review consultation

materials, including the webinar presentation, on the [Authority's website](#). The Authority is expected to approve the draft addendum no later than **February 29, 2020**.

In December 2019, RPRA approved all other sections of SO's MHSW Wind-up Plan. [Learn more.](#)