DO YOU WORK IN A LABORATORY?

The Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012 (the Regulations) prevent potential risks of harm to the Canadian environment and human health by prohibiting the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale or import of 27 toxic substances and products containing these substances with a limited number of exemptions.

When do I need to report?

The prohibition does not apply to listed toxic substances, or to any products containing them, that are used in a laboratory for analysis, in scientific research or as a laboratory analytical standard. Users of the listed toxic substances for the above purposes are required to report certain information to the Minister as soon as feasible and before the use of more than 10 grams of any substance in a calendar year.

Reports must be submitted only once each calendar year for an individual substance. Reports for each substance must be submitted separately. As listed in Schedule 3 of the Regulations, the report must contain the following information:

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Information respecting the substance and the product, if applicable:

- The name of the listed toxic substance and the name of the product containing that toxic substance, if applicable;
- The anticipated period of its use;
- The estimated quantity of the toxic substance to be used in the calendar year and its unit of measurement;
- The identification of each proposed use and each actual use;

For products:
- The estimated quantity of the product to be used and its unit of measurement, and
- The estimated concentration of the listed toxic substance in the product and its unit of measurement.
Can additional substances be added to the Regulations?

Yes, the Regulations may be amended from time to time to modify current requirements or to add new substances. If you are using a substance newly added to the Regulations in a laboratory for analysis, in scientific research or as a laboratory analytical standard, reports on the use of more than 10 grams in a calendar year are due within 60 days of the coming-into-force of the amended regulations.

Where do I send my information?

Environment and Climate Change Canada has made a form available online for the submission of the required information. The form can be filled out, printed, signed and submitted by email or post. The form is available on the Management of Toxic Substances website at http://ec.gc.ca/toxiques-toxics/default.asp?lang=En&n=7A9E5803-1.

List of substances subject to the Regulations (as of October 2016)

1. Dodecachloropentacyclo[5.3.0^2,5.0^8,10]decane (Mirex)
2. Polybrominated Biphenyls that have the molecular formula C_{12-n}H_{12-n}Br_n in which “n” is greater than 2 (PBB)
3. Polychlorinated Terphenyls that have the molecular formula C_{12-n}H_{12-n}Cl_n, in which “n” is greater than 2 (PCT)
4. Bis(chloromethyl) ether that has the molecular formula C_2H_4Cl_2O (CMME)
5. Chloromethyl methyl ether that has the molecular formula C_2H_4ClO (CMME)
6. (4-Chlorophenyl)cyclopropylmethanone, O-[-(4-nitrophenyl)methyl]oxime that has the molecular formula C_{15}H_{15}ClO_2 (NCME)
7. N-Nitrosodimethylamine, which has the molecular formula C_2H_7N_2O (NDMA)
8. Hexachlorobutadiene, which has the molecular formula C_6H_6Cl_4 (HCBD)
9. Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, which has the molecular formula C_12H_7Cl_5 (DDT)
10. Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)
11. Benzidine and benzidine dihydrochloride, which have the molecular formula C_{14}H_{14}N_2 and C_{14}H_{14}N_2.HCl, respectively
12. Hexane, 1,6-disiocyanato-, homopolymer, reaction products with alpha-fluoro-omega-2, hydroxyethyl-poly(methylenemethylene), C_{16}-20-branched alcohols and 1-octadecane
13. 2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, hexadecyl ester, polymers with 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate, gamma-omega-perfluoro-C10-16-alkyl acrylate and stearyl methacrylate
14. 2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2-methylpropyl ester, polymer with 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate, gamma-omega-perfluoro-C8-14-alkyl esters, tert-Bu benzencarbox peroxoate-initiated
15. 2-Propen-1-ol, reaction products with pentafluoroethane tetrfluoroethylen ether, dehydroiodinated, reaction products with epichlorohydrin and triethylentetramine
16. 2-methoxyethanol, which has the molecular formula C_4H_9O_2 (2-ME)
17. Pentachlorobenzene, which has the molecular formula C_5H_4Cl_2 (PCB)
18. Tetrachlorobenzenes, which have the molecular formula C_4H_4Cl_4 (TCB)
19. Polychlorinated napthalenes (PCN)
20. Short-chain chlorinated alkanes (SCCA)
21. Benzenamine, N-phenyl-, Reaction Products with Styrene and 2,4,4-Trimethylpentene (BOPN)
22. Tributylin (TBTs)
23. Hexabromocyclododecane, which has the molecular formula C_{12}H_{12}Br_12 (HBCD)
24. Perfluoroacetic acid, which has the molecular formula C_{1}F_{2}COH, its salts, and its precursors (PFOA)
25. Perfluorocarboxylic acids that have the molecular formula CF_{2n-1}COH, in which 2 n 20, their salts and their precursors (Long-Chain PFCAs)
26. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers that have the molecular formula C_{12-n}Br_{12-n}O in which 4 n 10 (PBDEs)
27. Perfluorooctane sulfonate, its salts and its precursors (PFOS)

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