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# Pest Management Regulatory Agency Updates

Biological Products Industry  
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## Outline

- What's New?
- Performance
- Submission Tips

## Recent announcements

**Red Tap Reduction Report:** The Government of Canada launched a Red Tape Review across all federal departments and agencies in July 2025, in response to stakeholder concerns about duplicate requirements, complex forms and processes, and lengthy approval processes. In September 2025, Health Canada published [Red Tape Reduction Report](#) (RTR) that outlined various regulatory and non-regulatory initiatives aimed at improve efficiency and eliminate regulatory burden while maintaining or improving protections.

**Key Announcement in Budget 2025:** Government of Canada proposed to remove the mandatory 15-year cyclical re-evaluation requirement from the Pest Control Products Act to enable a risk-based approach to post-market reviews, while maintaining protection through continuous monitoring.

## Current regulatory initiatives

### *Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Fees and Charges Regulations (Annual Charge)*

- Proposal published for consultation in Canada Gazette, Part I on [December 21, 2024](#).
- Continue to carefully consider stakeholder feedback received
- Next steps and timing remain to be determined.

### *Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Regulations (Product Exemptions and Pest Control Devices)*

- Pre-consultations took place in early 2025 for [PRO2025-01 \(Product Exemptions\)](#). Anticipate publishing proposed amendments for consultation in Canada Gazette, Part I in Spring 2026.

### *Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Regulations (Labelling Modernization and Renewals)*

- Pre-consultation anticipated to take place in Spring 2026.

### *Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Regulations (Research)*

- Pre-consultation took place in 2022.
- Expecting to publish proposal in Canada Gazette Part I in Fall 2026

## Continuous Oversight and Proportional Effort

- PMRA recently published two policies that together will optimize regulatory resources while maintaining robust health and environmental protection
- [Continuous Oversight Policy](#) proactively monitors and considers new scientific information throughout the pesticide lifecycle to ensure timely regulatory actions and maintain protection of human health and the environment, facilitated by new AI-supported tools.
- [Proportional Effort Policy](#) provides a science-based approach to allocate regulatory review effort and resources based on the risk profile of pesticides, ensuring resources are focused where they are needed most.
- The two policies support each other - Continuous Oversight validates and informs Proportional Effort categorization, ensuring risk-based decisions remain current

## Other news

- New electronic pesticide regulatory system (ePRS) web portal
- [Regulatory Directive DIR2018-01, Policy on Cancellations and Amendments Following Re-evaluation and Special Review](#)
- Publication of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Consensus document on Beauveria bassiana strains as microbial plant protection product
- [Information Note – Animal testing and use of new approach methods in pesticide assessments - Canada.ca](#)

# Performance

- Challenge in meeting 90% performance targets for **pre-market applications**:
  - Performance is affected by a number of persistent factors, including high workload, complex science issues and poor submission quality.
  - Increased amount of time to finalize a registration decision after public consultation due to a substantial increase in the number of comments received from the public and other stakeholders.
  - Currently working towards eliminating the majority of the pre-market backlog by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- Initiatives proposed to support more efficient decision-making:
  - Adjusted 30-day consultation period for Proposed Registration Decision [Notice of Intent NOI2025-02](#)
  - Revised procedure for data deficiencies in science review [Notice of Intent NOI2024-01](#)

## Submission Tips

- Take advantage of [pre-submission consultation](#)
- Avoid data dumps
- Ensure that waiver requests are supported by a sound science rationale with appropriate supporting information
- Avoid formulants of health or environmental concern and formulants known to cause anaphylactic-type reactions – see [Science Policy Note SPN2020-01](#)
- Be prepared to characterize impurities

## How to stay engaged with us

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