

Proposed Amendments to Tires, Batteries, Electrical and Electronic Equipment, and Hazardous and Special Products Regulations

Waste Management Steering Planning Committee
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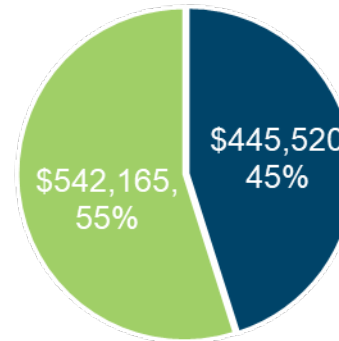
Background

- MECP is proposing 23 changes to four producer responsibility regulations:
 - Tires Regulation
 - Batteries Regulation
 - Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) Regulation
 - Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Regulation
- Province's goal is to enhance flexibility, reduce administrative burdens, and simplify compliance for producers
- Commenting period was open until October 20, 2024

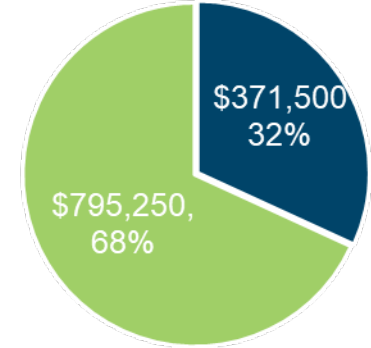
Producer Funding/Coverage

- **HSP:** Funding less than 50% of the total cost
- **Tires:** Number of tires managed at sites has more than doubled since 2017 (9,998 to 20,426 tires); no funding provided
- **EEE:** Funding is limited; does not cover other types of electronic waste managed by Region
- **Batteries:** Funding covers costs of the current program. If expanded, e.g. curbside collection, funding will not fully cover costs

2023 Actuals - \$987,685
Cost vs. Funding



Estimated Cost based on
PCA Proposed Funding vs
2024 Budget - \$1,165,600



■ Producer Responsibility Funding Programs
■ MHSW Depot Operations

Key Proposed Changes

- **Collection:**
 - Geographic offsetting for collection site
 - Allowing temporary collection events instead of traditional sites
- **Burden Reduction:**
 - Removing RER requirements
 - Adjusting small producer exemptions
 - Streamlining record-keeping, including eliminating tire collector registration and easing tire hauler reporting

Key Proposed Changes

- **Regulation-Specific Changes:**

- Adjusting the Tires Regulation's collection target
- Extending the Batteries Regulation target deadline to 2030
- Revising reporting requirements under EEE and HSP regulations

Niagara Region Comments

- 1. Performance Decline:** Collection and recycling rates have dropped since implementing EPR regulations, suggesting a need for a review to address regulatory gaps that hinder waste diversion
- 2. Lack of Information:** Proposed amendments lack details. Niagara Region urges an opportunity to review and comment on the draft legal language before finalization
- 3. Missed Targets and Delays:** Extending targets for materials risks stalling waste reduction progress, potentially weakening the legislation's environmental goals

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- 4. Collection Infrastructure:** Allowing temporary events in place of permanent sites could reduce service accessibility, especially in rural areas, leading to lower diversion rates
- 5. Accountability Concerns:** Reducing producer reporting requirements risks weakening oversight. Niagara Region recommends retaining end market reporting for accountability
- 6. Expansion of Materials:** Expanding producer responsibility should include all material streams to boost diversion rates across the board

Niagara Region Comments

- 7. **Drop-off Site Accessibility:** Discrepancies between listed and actual collection sites and flexible accessibility targets may worsen service gaps
- 8. **Geographic Offsetting:** Permitting collection sites in adjacent municipalities rather than Niagara only could limit service accessibility for local residents

Next Steps

- Staff recommend that the Ministry conduct a more detailed review and analysis before finalizing the amendments
- Staff will continue collaborating with municipalities and key stakeholders to advocate for changes that strengthen waste diversion efforts. Coordinated advocacy will emphasize:
 - Maintaining robust collection targets
 - Enhancing accessibility
 - Ensuring producer accountability through transparent reporting

Thank You