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Report Highlights:

On June 20, 2023, the Government of Canada announced next steps in their sustainable approach to pesticides management. As part of the announcement, Canada will restart the process of evaluating pesticide residue limits for increases, following a pause of this activity since August 2021. The announcement also included an announced ban of pesticides used for cosmetic purposes on federal lands as part of the Greening Government Strategy. Additionally, a Notice of Intent was published regarding strengthening the regulations of pest control products in Canada. The consultation remains open from June 20, 2023 to August 19, 2023.

The Government of Canada [announced](#) next steps to their sustainable approach to pesticides management. As part of the announcement, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) will resume the evaluation of increases to pesticide maximum residue limits (MRLs). Science-based evaluations of MRL increases were [paused](#) in August 2021 in relation to the PMRA's review of glyphosate. The announcement did not provide a timeline on when consultation of glyphosate MRL revisions may resume. Health Canada [continues](#) to review consultation feedback from the 2022 consultation on glyphosate.

The announcement also included a commitment by the Government of Canada to ban the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on federal lands. This commitment is made under the Treasury Board of Canada led [Greening Government Strategy](#). Details on how cosmetic purposes will be defined have not been released.

Health Canada, via the PMRA, published a consultation on a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI2023-01) seeking to receive stakeholder feedback on proposed amendments to the Pest Control Products Regulations. The 60-day consultation runs from June 20, 2023 to August 19, 2023. The proposed amendments seek to:

- Facilitate access to confidential test data (CTD), including for research and re-analysis purposes;
- Increase transparency for maximum residue limit (MRL) applications for imported food products;
- Give the Minister of Health the explicit authority to require submission of available information on cumulative environmental effects and require the Minister to consider cumulative effects on the environment during risk assessments where information and methodology are available; and
- Strengthen consideration of species at risk in risk assessments by giving the Minister the explicit authority to require the submission of available information on species at risk.

Source: PMRA

PMRA invites Canadians and stakeholders to comment on the NOI2023-01 proposed amendments. Comments can be submitted by:

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No Attachments.