

Expansion of Extended Producer Responsibility in B.C.

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EPR Expansion Drivers

- Recycling Regulation Policy Intentions Paper engagement (2020)
- Supporting the CleanBC Plastics Action Plan
- Local Government priority requests – increased diversion from landfill and safe management; meeting provincial waste reduction targets
- Canadian Council of Ministers for the Environment
 - Canada-Wide Action Plans for EPR and Zero Plastic Waste
- EPR Five-Year Action Plan 2021-2026 – expanding to include more product categories

Projected Implementation Timeline

- 2023 – Amend Recycling Regulation to include:
 - EV batteries and other batteries, mattresses, compressed canisters, and medical sharps
- 2025 – EPR programs operational for:
 - Mattresses, compressed canisters, and medical sharps
- 2026 – EPR programs operational for:
 - EV batteries and other batteries
- 2026 – Amend regulatory definitions for:
 - Electronics and moderately hazardous (residual) product categories

Projected Implementation Timeline (Cont'd)

- 2021-2025 – Reviewing options for packaging and paper from the Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector
- Stakeholders and key partners identified the ICI sector as a large contributor to overall waste in B.C. and expressed a desire to increase recycling in this sector
- **This is a large undertaking and requires a phased approach:**
 - 2021-2022 – data collection and research to better understand the management of packaging and paper in the ICI sector
 - 2022-2025 – data evaluation and engagement
 - 2025 – policy approach identified

ICI PPP Study: details and next steps

Objectives of the study:

- establish a baseline ICI PPP generation and management by source
- gather and consolidate existing data to inform that baseline
- identify context that explains the data (e.g., gaps, barriers)

Next steps

- Late spring share initial findings with local and indigenous governments as well as industry (haulers, etc.)
- Asking rural/impacted communities and industry for input to identify options for interim solutions and identify barriers to longer term solutions.