

Ontario IPR and an Empowered Regulator

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1ST SESSION, 41ST LEGISLATURE, ONTARIO
65 ELIZABETH II, 2016

Bill 151

*(Chapter 12
Statutes of Ontario, 2016)*

**An Act to enact the Resource Recovery
and Circular Economy Act, 2016
and the Waste Diversion
Transition Act, 2016 and to repeal
the Waste Diversion Act, 2002**

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Projet de loi 151

*(Chapitre 12
Lois de l'Ontario de 2016)*

**Loi édictant la Loi de 2016
sur la récupération des ressources
et l'économie circulaire
et la Loi transitoire de 2016
sur le réacheminement des déchets
et abrogeant la Loi de 2002
sur le réacheminement des déchets**



Producer Responsibility Programs



Tires on January 1, 2019



Batteries on July 1, 2020



Electronics on January 1, 2021



Hazardous and Special Products
transitioned October 1, 2021



Lighting on January 1, 2023



Blue Box transition begins July 1, 2023, ends
December 31, 2025



Blue Box Program transition

- Largest and last legacy waste diversion program to transition
- Transition began July 1, 2023, with first tranche of participating communities exiting legacy program
- Communications for Compliance: Supporting business to understand and comply

Key players in Ontario's Framework



Ontario Government

Develops, approves and makes amendments to legislation (e.g., acts, regulations)

Issues Minister's directions



RPRA

Implements and enforces regulations

Primary enforcement approach is effective communication and has power to:

- Conduct inspections and audits
- Conduct Investigations
- Issue compliance orders
- Issue Administrative penalty orders
- Undertake Prosecutions



Producers

Responsible for establishing collection and management systems to ensure their products and packaging are properly managed and recycled after consumers have finished using them

Producers have the choice to operate their own system or work with a PRO(s) to meet those requirements on their behalf



PROs and Service Providers

Provide collection and management services for producers

Includes:

- PROs (producer responsibility organizations)
- Haulers/Transporters
- Reuse/Refurbishers
- Processors
- Disposal Facilities

Compliance tools

Why a RPRA?

A progressive approach

Tools used to achieve compliance:

1. Proactive education and awareness

2. Inspections and audits


3. Communication to address noncompliance

4. Compliance order

5. Administrative penalty order

6. Prosecution

Is it working?

A large, leafy tree in a grassy field. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. The leaves are a vibrant green, and the sunlight filters through them, creating a dappled light effect on the grass below. The grass is a mix of bright green and yellow-green, suggesting a sunny day. In the background, there are more trees and a soft, hazy landscape. A white semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'Q&A'.

Q&A