

## **New Substances Program Advisory Note 2005-01**

**Environment Canada and Health Canada's New Substances Program has initiated the review of the Living Organisms provisions of the *New Substances Notification Regulations (NSNR)*. In order to prepare interested stakeholders for this process, the program will be holding Information Sessions on the Regulations. To help us plan these sessions, we are requesting that you complete the accompanying survey.**

The purpose of this advisory note is to inform you that some Living Organisms (LO) provisions of the New Substances Notification Regulations (NSNR) (to be renamed the NSNR (Organisms)) are currently undergoing a review. In preparation for the multistakeholder consultations on these provisions, we will hold Information Sessions in October of 2005. The attached fact sheets will help you determine if the LO provisions of the NSNR apply to you. Please complete the accompanying survey to help us determine your level of interest in attending an Information Session. Your input will also assist us in the planning of the Information Sessions. In addition, the survey will help us profile the potential regulated community that could be affected by this review.

The LO provisions of the NSNR will have been in force for eight years as of September, 2005. Based on experience gained to date, and the rapidly evolving science in this field, we believe it is now essential to review the Regulations to ensure they continue to protect human health and the environment in a fair and transparent manner that is accountable to all Canadians.

We plan to offer stakeholders an opportunity to improve their understanding of the Regulations, and provide input on the proposed consultation process through a series of regional Information Sessions. The objectives of these sessions are to:

- Broadly inform stakeholders on the New Substances Program, the NSNR and the proposed consultation process for a review of the LO provisions of the NSNR
- Learn about stakeholder perspectives on the Regulations
- Ensure, as much as possible, that parties who will participate in the multistakeholder consultations will have a good understanding of the Regulations. A clear and comprehensive appreciation of how the Regulations work will assist everyone in formulating ideas and suggestions on how to make improvements.

The location of these Information Sessions will be determined based on the input received through the accompanying survey, which should be returned to Environment Canada's New Substances Branch no later than August 19, 2005. These half-day sessions will be open to all. Once the session logistics are arranged, invitation letters for these sessions will be sent in early September 2005 and respondents will be asked to reply by the end of September, 2005. Preparatory material will be sent to parties who confirm attendance in order to support their full participation.

For more details on the Information Sessions and the multistakeholder consultations that will follow, please consult the Consultation Plan at [http://www.ec.gc.ca/substances/nsb/download/cplan1204\\_e.pdf](http://www.ec.gc.ca/substances/nsb/download/cplan1204_e.pdf).

## **Contact Information**

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For additional information or documentation regarding the NSNR, please consult the accompanying information sheet or visit the New Substances Web Site at (<http://www.ec.gc.ca/substances>).

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New Substances Branch  
Environment Canada

Signed on July 18, 2005

## Survey

The Information Sessions will be offered in French and/or English. This survey will assist Environment Canada and Health Canada in determining the locations for the sessions, the preferred language, and the level of detail to be provided.

You can participate in the survey by completing the form provided below and returning it to Environment Canada's New Substances Branch by facsimile at (819) 953-7155, by e-mail at [nsn-infoline@ec.gc.ca](mailto:nsn-infoline@ec.gc.ca), or by mail at the address provided earlier (see on page 2, Contact Information). The survey must be returned by August 19, 2005. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### My organization deals with

- Microorganisms (for example bacteria, fungi, yeasts, algae, viruses, protozoa, cell culture, etc.) or  
 Organisms other than microorganisms (plants, animals)  
please specify \_\_\_\_\_

### My organization falls in the following category:

- Industry  Consultant  Academia  NGO  Government  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### My organization is from the following sector:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health          | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Food processing | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulp and Paper                | <input type="checkbox"/> Bioremediation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enzyme Production     | <input type="checkbox"/> Detergents                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal health   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste water treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> others (Please specify) _____ |  |   |

### My organization is primarily involved in:

- Manufacture or import of organisms other than microorganisms for commercial purposes  
 Manufacture or import of organisms other than microorganisms for Research & Development purposes  
 Both
- Manufacture or import of microorganisms for commercial purposes  
 Manufacture or import of microorganisms for Research & Development purposes  
 Both

### My organization is a member of the following Industry Association(s) or Organization Network(s) (Please specify):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**My familiarity with the Living Organisms provisions of the NSNR is:**

- Not at all familiar
- Somewhat unfamiliar
- Familiar
- Very familiar

**I would be interested to attend an information session:**

- Yes
- No

**I would like the session offered in:**

- English
- French

**I would like to receive the information material in:**

- English
- French
- Both

**I would like to attend the session in:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Halifax  | <input type="checkbox"/> Saskatoon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moncton  | <input type="checkbox"/> Calgary   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Montreal | <input type="checkbox"/> Edmonton  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toronto  | <input type="checkbox"/> Vancouver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winnipeg |                                    |

Other (Please specify location)? \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like the Information Sessions to address the following topics/questions:**

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**I am more interested in learning about**

- provisions relating to microorganisms
- provisions relating to organisms other than microorganisms (s. 29.16)

**Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.**