

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS
 under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA)*
PRECURSOR CONTROL REGULATIONS (PCR)
Domestic

CLASS A PRECURSORS	
Acetic anhydride N-Acetylanthranilic acid <i>and its salts</i> Anthranilic acid <i>and its salts</i> Ephedrine, <i>its salts and any plant containing ephedrine or any of its salts</i> Ergometrine <i>and its salts</i> Ergotamine <i>and its salts</i> Isosafrole Lysergic acid <i>and its salts</i>	3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone Norephedrine (Phenylpropanolamine) <i>and its salts</i> 1-Phenyl-2-propanone Phenylacetic acid <i>and its salts</i> Piperidine <i>and its salts</i> Piperonal Potassium permanganate Pseudoephedrine <i>and its salts</i> Safrole <i>and any essential oil containing safrole</i>
CLASS B PRECURSORS	
Acetone Ethyl ether Hydrochloric acid	Methyl ethyl ketone Sulphuric acid Toluene

CLASS A PRECURSORS	
COMING INTO FORCE DATES	<p>January 9, 2003 - a licence is required to import, export, produce, and package - a permit is required to import, export and transit/transshipment - only a licensed dealer may apply for an import or export permit</p> <p>July 7, 2003 - a licence is required to sell/provide</p>
LICENCE REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a licence is required to import, export, produce, package or sell/provide • an end use declaration is required when selling Class A precursors to non-licensed dealers in quantities or package sizes greater than the threshold in the schedule to the Regulations¹ • it may take up to 75 days for processing applications, due to the criminal record check requirement
EXEMPTION FOR SELL/ PROVIDE (SECTION 5)	<p>The individual or business will be exempted for sell/provide if all of the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only sells/provides goods on a retail basis (<i>selling goods for the purpose of end-use and not re-sale</i>); • sells/provides a selection of goods that is not limited to chemicals or chemicals equipment used in the chemical industry for the production, processing or storage of chemicals; and • sells/provides • a precursor in a quantity or package size, per transaction, that does not exceed the threshold in the schedule (see below) to the Regulations. <p>NOTE: If the individual or business sells precursors over the quantity or package size specified in the Schedule, they will NOT meet the requirements for this exemption.</p>
INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTIONS	<p>Section 48, provides a process to exempt preparations and mixtures where the Class A precursor cannot be readily extracted or the product itself cannot be used in the production of a controlled substance</p>

¹Transitional provisions in Section 92 - Any package size for any ephedra, ephedrine and pseudoephedrine products produced and packaged before October, 9, 2002 is deemed to conform with: paragraph 5(1)(c), exemption for sell/provide; and section 8, end use declaration, until October 9, 2003.

GENERAL EXEMPTIONS	<p>The following are exempted from the application of PCR:</p> <p>Fragrances or flavourings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> containing no more than 20% total concentration of anthranilic acid, N-anthranilic acid, phenylacetic acid, piperonal or piperidine, AND is intended to be used in a food, drug cosmetic or household product; <p>Formulated silicone products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> containing 1% or less of acetic anhydride that is a sealant, adhesive, or coating; and <p>Schedule F Drugs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> domestic distribution (sell/provide) of drugs in dosage form that contain a Class A precursor listed in Schedule F to the Food and Drug Regulations.
CLASS B PRECURSORS	
COMING INTO FORCE DATE	<p>January 1, 2004 - a registration is required to import, export and produce for sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a permit is required to export certain Class B precursors to specific destinations no permit is required to import Class B precursors only a registered dealer may apply for an export permit
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it may take up to 75 days for processing applications, due to the criminal record check requirement there are NO registration requirements for sell/provide
INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTIONS	Section 76 provides a process to exempt preparations and mixtures where the Class B precursors can not be readily extracted or the products itself cannot be used in the production of a controlled substance
GENERAL EXEMPTIONS	Preparations or mixtures which do not exceed 30% total concentration of Class B precursors

SCHEDULE

Class A Precursors	Maximum Quantity	Class A Precursors	Maximum Quantity
Acetic anhydride	1000 kg	3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone	0
N-Acetylanthranilic acid	1 kg	Norephedrine (Phenylpropanolamine)	0
Anthranilic acid	1 kg	1-Phenyl-2-propanone	0
Ephedra	20 g/pkg	Phenylacetic acid	1 kg
Ephedrine	0.4 g/pkg	Piperidine	0.5 kg
Ergometrine	0	Piperonal	0.5 kg
Ergotamine	0	Potassium permanganate	50 kg
Isosafrole	0.5 kg	Pseudoephedrine	3 g/pkg
Lysergic acid	0	Safrole	0.25 kg

INFORMATION RESOURCES

The *Precursor Control Regulations* can be obtained from the Canada Gazette Web site:

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partIII/tempPdf/g2-13621.pdf> (under bookmarks SOR/DORS/2002-359 and 361)

A series of guidance documents written as a companion to the Precursor Control Regulations to provide guidance on meeting the regulatory requirements under these Regulations, as well as application forms can be obtained from the Office of Controlled Substances Web site:

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/substancontrol/chem-chim/index_e.html

or by contacting the Office of Controlled Substances, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Health Canada, at:
613-946-1142

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