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## Guidelines for the Notification and Testing of New Substances: Chemicals and Polymers

## Guidelines for the Notification and Testing of New Substances: Organisms

**Under the New Substances Notification Regulations of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* all new substances must be identified and assessed before being imported or manufactured in Canada.** These two documents explain the regulations and guide users through the notification process for new chemicals, polymers and organisms.

The key to avoiding unnecessary delays or expenses when preparing a notification is to understand thoroughly the new substances notification program. These guidelines are designed to ensure that understanding. They explain the program's purpose and features, help the user to determine whether a substance is subject to notification, identify the type of information required and the time available for submission, explain the treatment of confidential information, and provide instructions for completing and submitting a notification form. The guidelines conclude with an explanation of how Environment Canada and Health Canada assess the information submitted in a notification, and the consequences of assessment decisions to notifiers.

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