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2nd NOTICE: Important information about your potential obligations under the BC Recycling Regulation and how to join the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable:

Summary:

This is an important notice about your potential legal obligations under a provincial regulation in British Columbia (BC). Please review this notice in detail and contact MARR immediately to demonstrate how you will be complying with this Regulation. Failure to contact MARR may result in your company being referred to the BC Ministry of Environment for compliance action and potential fines. This is a time-sensitive manner, given the **August 1, 2013** deadline noted below.

The BC Recycling Regulation:

Major household appliances have been regulated under the BC [Recycling Regulation](#). Under this Regulation the “producers” of major household appliances (typically first sellers, including manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers etc.) are obligated to have an approved stewardship plan, appoint an agency with an approved stewardship plan or comply with Part 3 of the Regulation in order to sell or distribute major household appliances in BC.

The Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR):

The Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR) is a not-for-profit stewardship agency created to implement and operate a stewardship plan for end-of-life major household appliances in the province of BC on behalf of the major appliance “producers” who are obligated under the BC Recycling Regulation. The MARR stewardship plan was developed by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers Canada (AHAM Canada) and the Retail Council of Canada (RCC). The MARR plan received the approval of BC’s Ministry of Environment on June 29, 2012, and today is the only approved stewardship plan for major appliances in BC.

Joining MARR to Comply with the BC Recycling Regulation:

If your company is obligated under the BC Recycling Regulation, registering as a participant of MARR by **August 1, 2013** will enable your business to comply with these requirements. Registration is available to all obligated producers and offers a “turn-key” solution for compliance with the BC Recycling Regulation. Program participants are not required to take back end-of-life products and there is no cost to register with MARR.

Products Covered by MARR:

The MARR program includes major household appliances powered either by 120 volt or 240 volt input power that have been designed for use in residential homes, including those that use natural gas or propane for heating purposes. All channels of distribution are captured, including internet/catalog sales. Major product types include:

- Refrigerators, wine coolers and beverage centers
- Freezers
- Portable, room and window air conditioners
- Portable Dehumidifiers
- Ranges, built-in ovens and surface cooking units
- Range Hoods & Downdrafts
- Built-in and over the range microwave ovens
- Clothes washers and dryers
- Dishwashers
- Electric water dispensers
- Trash Compactors
- Food waste disposers

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How MARR is Funded:

MARR will be funded by Administrative Program Fees (APFs) applied to the sale and supply of new major household appliances in BC, effective **August 1, 2013**. The fees will be used by MARR to cover all costs associated with implementing the MARR stewardship plan. These fees will be reported and remitted to MARR on a calendar quarter basis by registered MARR participants (manufacturers, distributors, retailers) who have joined MARR to fulfill their regulatory obligations. **APF rates are \$1.25/unit for refrigerant appliances and \$1.10/unit for non-refrigerant appliances.**

Who In the Supply Chain Should Join MARR?

Generally, the Regulation places responsibility on the “first seller” in BC, which can either be a manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler or retailer. However, registration with MARR is also available to companies in the supply chain who are upstream or downstream from the legally obligated “first seller” of that product in BC. For example, a retailer who acquires product from a supplier based in BC may prefer to join the program directly in order to report/remittance APFs to MARR at the time of sale to the consumer for cash flow purposes. On the other hand, a manufacturer that is not legally obligated may choose to join MARR and remit/report APFs on their sales in or into BC as a service to their downstream customers. See www.marrbc.ca for more detailed information.

What to Do Next:

- 1) Visit the MARR website www.marrbc.ca for further information on:
 - Your potential obligations under the BC Recycling Regulation
 - Products captured by MARR and APF rates and policies
 - Who in the supply chain should join MARR
 - How to register with MARR by the **August 1, 2013** deadline
- 2) Contact your customers and/or suppliers to determine who is in the best position to join MARR and most accurately report/remittance APFs on the sale of program products

To assist MARR in identifying all obligated producers and their product sales, we request that you forward this message on to your customers and/or suppliers and begin discussing with them the best manner of complying with the BC Recycling Regulation, including who in the supply chain is in the best position to join MARR.

Don't Sell Major Household Appliances?

If you do not sell major household appliances (as defined and listed at www.marrbc.ca) in or into BC, you have likely received this notice in error and we apologize for the inconvenience. Please confirm this with MARR at the contact details below to ensure you do not receive additional correspondence.

Already Confirmed Your Customers and/or Suppliers are Remitting?

If you have already confirmed that all of your customers and/or suppliers in BC are taking care of this responsibility for you (i.e. registering with MARR and remitting APFs on your behalf), please contact MARR to confirm this. Your company will likely not need to take further action.

Contact MARR for More Information:

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