

Draft Bill: Stewardship and Recycling Accountability Act

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Executive Summary

This draft legislation establishes a government-managed stewardship framework for tires, Blue Box materials, and batteries. It ensures that Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs) are ring-fenced and used exclusively for collection, processing, remediation, and program administration. The bill authorizes the creation of public processing plants and stockpile management sites in major municipalities, guarantees timely payment to haulers and processors, and strengthens RPRA oversight. It protects small haulers, mandates transparency, and provides transitional funding to stabilize the market and eliminate legacy stockpiles. The Act includes enforcement mechanisms, due process protections, and a phased implementation plan.

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Full Bill Text

An Act to Establish a Government Managed Stewardship Framework for Tires Blue Box and Batteries and to Amend the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act 2016

Preamble

Purpose ? To ensure continuous, safe, transparent, and accountable collection, transport, processing, remediation, and reporting for end-of-life tires Blue Box materials and batteries by: (a) ring-fencing consumer Environmental Handling Fees for program uses; (b) establishing provincially administered stewardship operations including public stockpile sites and public processing plants where required; (c) protecting independent haulers and collectors; (d) strengthening RPRA oversight and enforcement; and (e) providing transitional supports to stabilize the market and remediate legacy stockpiles.

Part 1 General Provisions Definitions and Oversight

1. Short Title

1.1 This Act may be cited as the Stewardship and Recycling Accountability Act.

2. Definitions

2.1 In this Act:

- Authority means the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority established under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act 2016.
- Program Administrator means the provincial body designated by the Minister to operate government-managed stewardship programs under this Act.
- Producer means a person who manufactures imports or sells a designated product or packaging into the province.
- Retailer means a person who sells new tires or other designated products at point of sale.
- Collector means a person municipality retailer or organization that accepts end-of-life materials for consolidation storage or transfer.
- Hauler means a business entity that as a business of its own right provides transportation or logistics services for end-of-life materials and that has one or more Collectors as paying clients.
- Licensed Processor means a facility licensed under this Act or regulations to receive process retread store or otherwise recover value from end-of-life materials.
- Environmental Handling Fee EHF means the non-refundable recycling fee charged at point of sale and

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remitted to a Stewardship Escrow Fund.

- Stewardship Escrow Fund Fund means a provincially administered escrow account established under this Act for each program.
- Public Processing Plant means a provincially owned or provincially operated facility that receives and processes end-of-life materials.
- Stockpile Management Site means a provincially owned or provincially operated secure site for temporary consolidation staging and remediation of end-of-life materials.
- Designated Hauler Relationship means a written or electronic agreement by which a Collector designates a Hauler to collect transport or otherwise manage the Collector's end-of-life materials.

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