

Canada's Plastics Registry Reporting Delayed for Phases 2 and 3 Until 2027

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On March 14, 2026, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) released a *Notice Amending the Notice* (the “Amending Notice”) delaying implementation of mandatory plastics reporting - Phases 2 and 3 - until the 2027 calendar year.¹

Canada's new Federal Plastics Registry (the “FPR”) is a mandatory plastics reporting program under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*.² The FPR collects data from organizations across the plastics value chain. The FPR helps monitor and track plastic from manufacture to end of life.³

Canada introduced federal reporting standards for plastics manufacturers, importers, producers, generators, and service providers in April 2024 with the release of the *Notice with respect to reporting of plastic resins and certain plastic products for the Federal Plastics Registry for 2024, 2025 and 2026* in the Canada Gazette (the “Notice”).⁴

Schedule 1 of the Notice applies to all plastic resins and plastic products listed in Parts 1 through 4 of the Schedule and that are manufactured in Canada, imported into Canada, or placed into the Canadian market.

The Notice applies to a person: (i) who manufactures, imports, and places plastic resins into the Canadian market listed in Schedule 1, Parts 1 and 2, (ii) who is a producer of plastic products listed in Schedule 1, Parts 3 and 4, (iii) who generates packaging and plastic product waste at their industrial, commercial, or institutional facility, and (iv) who is a service provider for the management of plastics or plastic products listed in Schedule 1, Parts 3 or 4.⁵

¹ Notice amending the Notice with respect to reporting of plastic resins and certain plastic products for the Federal Plastics Registry for 2024, 2025 and 2026, Canada Gazette, Part I, Volume 160, Number 11: Government Notices, Schedule 1 [Amending Notice]. ECCC had sent a notice directly to stakeholders communicating the delay.

² *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (S.C. 1999, c. 33).

³ https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-reducing-waste/reduce-plastic-waste/federal-plastics-regimport_istry.html

⁴ Canada Gazette, Part I, Volume 158, Number 16: Government Notices, <https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2024/2024-04-20/html/notice-avis-eng.html>

⁵ Notice, Schedule 3.

Schedule 5 of the Notice sets out the reporting timeline:

- ◆ Phase 1 – For the calendar year 2024 (reporting by September 2025): reporting for products listed in Schedule 1, Parts 1 to 3, and Category 1 and Category 8 under Part 4.
- ◆ Phase 2 – For the calendar year 2025 (reporting by September 2026): In addition to the reporting requirements for the previous calendar year, reporting for all remaining categories under Part 4.⁶

Reports are due on September 29 of each year for the previous calendar year.

However, on March 14, 2026, ECCC released a *Notice Amending the Notice* (the “Amending Notice”) delaying implementation of Phases 2 and 3 until the 2027 calendar year.⁷

The Amending Notice confirms that producers of packaging, electronics and electrical equipment, and single-use plastics destined for the residential waste stream must continue to report Phase 1 data for 2025 and 2026, by September 29 of the following year.⁸

The Amending Notice will be followed by an additional Notice in Summer 2026 that will set out reporting requirements and timelines for the 2027–2029 calendar years.⁹ Stakeholders can expect to have the opportunity to provide input about updates in 2026.¹⁰

This article is high-level and should not be relied on to determine FPR reporting requirements. The classification of plastics and calculation of types, weights, and quantities that may trigger legal obligations are prescriptive and complex. Reference must be made to the law, registry, and guidance.

⁶ Notice, Schedule 5.

⁷ Notice amending the Notice with respect to reporting of plastic resins and certain plastic products for the Federal Plastics Registry for 2024, 2025 and 2026, Canada Gazette, Part I, Volume 160, Number 11: Government Notices, Schedule 1 [[Amending Notice](#)]. ECCC had sent a notice directly to stakeholders communicating the delay.

⁸ Amending Notice, Explanatory Note.

⁹ Amending Notice.

¹⁰ Federal Plastics Registry, Environment and Climate Change Canada <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-reducing-waste/reduce-plastic-waste/federal-plastics-registry.html>

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