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Brief 1: Domestic Substances List Inventory Update

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Background

On December 1, 2012, Environment Canada published Phase II of the inventory update to the Domestic Substances List (DSL IU2) in the Canada Gazette Part 1. <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2012/2012-12-01/html/sup-eng.html>.

It is mandatory, under Section 71 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, for companies to submit the information (to which the company is reasonably expected to have access to) being requested by Environment Canada for those substances that are relevant to their business.

The Current Inventory Update

In the current inventory update, Environment Canada is seeking data on approximately 2,700 substances. The substances are grouped into two lists (or Parts) in Schedule 1 of the notice. Companies are required to submit data for substances listed in Part I if the amount of the substance that the company manufactured in Canada or imported into Canada (either alone or as an ingredient in a final product) is greater than 1,000 kg during the 2011 calendar year.

For substances in Part II, data must be submitted if the amount manufactured in Canada or imported into Canada (either alone or as an ingredient in a final product) is greater than 100 kg during the 2011 calendar year.

Substances of importance to the food sector are included in Part I and Part II.

Where Substance is Listed	Amount Manufactured or Imported Triggering Reporting	Calendar Year for Which Amount is to be Reported
Part I	>1,000 kg	2011
Part II	>100 kg	2011

Information to Report

The type of information being requested about each substance includes:

- whether the substances covered under the notice were manufactured or imported in Canada during the 2011 calendar year;
- the quantity of the substance manufactured or imported during the 2011 calendar year;
- the industrial sectors involved in the manufacture and import of the substance -this is the North American Industry Classification System (NAIC) Code;
- the type of products, mixtures or manufactured items containing the substance -this is the Consumer and Commercial Code.

Details on the information to be reported for substances on the list in Part I and Part II can be found in the accompanying Inventory Update Guidance Document or at http://www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/66FA57D0-7A12-4E19-8E0C-852A0217022C/G%26C_DSL%20IU2%20%28Guidance%20Notice%29_EN.pdf

Source of Information

Data to be reported to Environment Canada can be found in company records, particularly when the company manufactures the substance in Canada. For substances imported into Canada - either alone or as an ingredient in a final product - companies will likely have to obtain the information from their foreign supplier.

Data for Submissions

Companies are required to submit the data to Environment Canada by **September 4, 2013 by 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time**. Extensions to the deadline date may be submitted to Environment Canada in writing via email (Substances@ec.gc.ca), fax (819-953-7155) or post to:

Minister of the Environment
ATTN: Substances Management Coordinator, Chemicals Management Plan
200 Sacré-Coeur Boulevard, 8th Floor
Gatineau, QC
K1A 0H3

Note that the request for an extension must be submitted **before** the September 4, 2013, 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time deadline. It is recommended that requests for extension be submitted at least five business days before September 4, 2013, so that there is sufficient time to process the request.

The request for extension should include the CAS registry number for the substance[s] and the reason for requesting an extension. A draft example letter requesting an extension to the deadline is attached for your reference and convenience.