



October 14, 2015

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John Coyne, Chair
Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance
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Dear Mr. Coyne:

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment has completed its review of Multi-Material Stewardship Western's (MMSW) Waste Packaging and Paper Stewardship Plan September 24, 2015 revision. This Product Management Program (PMP), and its approval by the Minister of Environment is a requirement of *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations* for the operation of a PMP in the Province of Saskatchewan.

I have determined that your revised PMP meets the requirements of the regulations. Your Approval to Operate a Product Management Program and conditions under which MMSW will operate their program is enclosed. Please ensure you become familiar with all the conditions outlined in the approval and advise the ministry of any concerns.

The ministry strongly feels that a compliance plan to identify, contact and recruit obligated stewards is crucial to the success of the Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP). As the program operator, MMSW must have an active role in assisting the ministry with pursuing obligated stewards and educating businesses. The ministry would like to see a compliance plan and procedure jointly developed with MMSW in place within six months of launching the program.

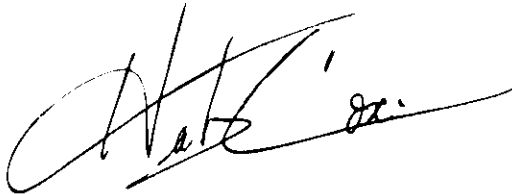
The development of a fee-setting communication plan will be important to help businesses understand MMSW's fee-setting procedures and to ensure an avenue for their feedback in a timely manner. The fee-setting communication plan is due to the ministry before fees are set for the end of the transition period.

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If you or your organization wishes to comment on this approval, please contact Mr. Che-Wei Chung, Manager of Waste Stewardship and Recycling, at (306) 787-5021 or che-wei.chung@gov.sk.ca. I look forward to our continued collaboration on initiatives, particularly on educating businesses about the MMRP and communicating the success of the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Herb Cox', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Herb Cox
Minister of Environment

Enclosure

cc: Cam Swan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment
Erika Ritchie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment
Wes Kotyk, Environmental Protection Branch, Ministry of Environment
Che-Wei Chung, Environmental Protection Branch, Ministry of Environment

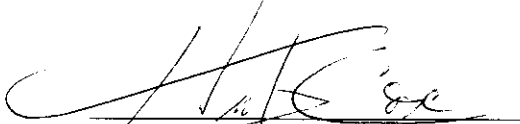
**Approval to Operate
a Product
Management Program**

Issued pursuant to *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations* [Chapter E-10.21 Reg 5 (effective February 15, 2013)]

Multi-Material Stewardship Western Inc. (MMSW) of Regina, Saskatchewan, hereinafter called the Applicant, is hereby authorized to operate a Product Management Program in the Province of Saskatchewan in accordance with the following conditions:

1. The Applicant is approved to operate the Product Management Program according to the proposal dated September 24, 2015, titled Waste Packaging and Paper Stewardship Plan.
2. The Applicant shall advise the Minister of Environment of any change in design of the Product Management Program from the proposal upon which this approval is granted and obtain prior approval for any such change.
3. Under the conditions set forth in Section 9 of *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations*, this approval may be cancelled at any time by the Minister of Environment if it is determined that the conditions of the Approval to Operate have not been properly followed.
4. The Applicant shall ensure the program is launched on or before January 1, 2016, as described in Section 4.7 of the approved Product Management Program.
5. The Applicant shall provide for approval to the Minister of Environment a fee setting communication plan that demonstrates regular communication to members and registrants regarding current costs, upcoming trends and proposed fee increase and decreases. The plan must demonstrate members' opportunities to participate and provide feedback leading to fee changes, annual reporting and the Annual General Meeting. The fee-setting communication plan must be submitted to the Minister prior to the end of the transition period to be approved and in place for the first year operations post-transition period.
6. The Applicant shall submit an annual report outlining fee calculations, rationale for possible fee changes and feedback from Saskatchewan and voluntary stewards, submitted to the Ministry of Environment 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
7. The Applicant shall establish and have the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee required by clause 7(2)(c) of *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Regulations* by January 31, 2016.

Date at Regina, Saskatchewan this 14 day of OCTOBER, 2015.


Herb Cox
Minister of Environment