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About the Forward Regulatory Plan

The Forward Regulatory Plan for 2024 to 2026 gives information on regulatory initiatives that Health Canada will be proposing or finalizing in the next 2 years through:

- pre-publication in the Canada Gazette, Part I
- final publication in the Canada Gazette, Part II

We may also include regulatory initiatives that are planned to come forward over a longer time frame.

You may direct your comments or questions to the contact information that we have provided at the end of each regulatory initiative.

We have grouped all of our regulatory initiatives by act:

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- ▶ Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Regulations (Product Exemptions and Pest Control Product Devices)
- ▶ Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Regulations (Labelling Modernization)

Tobacco and Vaping Products Act

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▼ Amendments to the Tobacco Access Regulations (Age Verification for Online or Distance Sales)

Enabling act:

[Tobacco and Vaping Products Act](#)

Description:

We are proposing to amend the [Tobacco Access Regulations](#) to support measures in the [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act](#) that protect the health of young people. The measures restrict access to tobacco and vaping products.

The proposed regulations would set out in greater detail the actions that regulated parties involved in online or distance sales may take to verify age and identity.

Regulatory cooperation efforts (domestic and international):

This initiative is not part of a formal regulatory cooperation work plan.

Potential impacts:

The proposed regulatory amendments would impact anyone who engages in online or distance sales of tobacco and vaping products. Parties such as retailers, senders and deliverers would have to comply with the requirements.

These amendments would also make it harder for youth to access tobacco and vaping products.

Consultations:

We published a consultation document on April 11, 2019. This document sets out potential regulatory measures to reduce youth access and minimize the appeal of vaping products.

For a summary of the consultation, visit:

- [What we heard: Reducing youth access and appeal of vaping products: Consultation summary.](#)

People in Canada will have an opportunity to comment on the regulatory proposal during the Canada Gazette, Part I public comment period. This is expected to take place in spring 2025 and last 60 days.

Learn more:

- [About vaping](#)

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Date when first included in the plan: February 2021

▼ Order Amending the Schedules to the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (Flavours) and Vaping Products' Sensory Attributes Regulations

Enabling act:

[Tobacco and Vaping Products Act](#)

Description:

We are amending the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act and introducing new regulations to establish new restrictions for vaping products. Our goal is to lower the appeal of vaping products as a way to protect young people.

The amending order and the regulations will:

- restrict the promotion of flavours in vaping products to tobacco or mint or menthol, including through indications or illustrations on packaging
- prohibit the use of all sugars and sweeteners as well as most flavouring ingredients, with limited exceptions for tobacco and mint/menthol flavours
- prescribe standards for sensory attributes, to prevent a sensory perception other than one that is typical of tobacco or mint or menthol

Reducing the promotion and appeal of vaping products to young people are commitments made in the Minister of Health's 2019 Mandate Letter.

Regulatory cooperation efforts (domestic and international):

This initiative is not part of a formal regulatory cooperation work plan.

Potential impacts:

The order and regulations will impact vaping product manufacturers, importers and retailers. They will be required to manufacture and sell only those vaping products that comply with the requirements.

Consultations:

We published a consultation document on April 11, 2019, setting out potential regulatory measures to reduce youth access and appeal of vaping products.

For a summary of the consultation, visit:

- [What we heard: Reducing youth access and appeal of vaping products: Consultation summary](#)

We pre-published the proposed changes in the [Canada Gazette, Part I](#) on June 19, 2021, followed by a 75-day public comment period.

Timing for publication in Canada Gazette, Part II is to be determined.

Learn more:

- [About vaping](#)

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▼ Tobacco and Vaping Products Reporting Regulations

Enabling act:

[Tobacco and Vaping Products Act](#)

Description:

We are proposing to:

- consolidate the [Tobacco Reporting Regulations](#) and [Vaping Products Reporting Regulations](#) into 1 set of regulations

- modernize the information that we collect from manufacturers and importers of tobacco and vaping products

The Minister would also be required to disclose certain information to the public.

Regulatory cooperation efforts (domestic and international):

This initiative is not part of a formal regulatory cooperation work plan.

Potential impacts:

The proposed regulatory amendments would:

- improve the information that we collect from manufacturers and importers of tobacco products and vaping products
- help us make decisions and policies aimed at continuing to reduce tobacco use in Canada

The disclosure requirements would give people in Canada better access to the tobacco product and vaping product information that we collect.

Manufacturers would be required to make changes to the tobacco product and vaping product information that they submit in their reports.

Consultations:

We published a [notice of intent](#) in the Canada Gazette, Part I on March 2, 2024, followed by a 60-day public comment period.

People in Canada will have an opportunity to comment on the regulatory proposal during the Canada Gazette, Part I public comment period. This is expected to take place in spring 2025 and last 75 days.

Learn more:

- Tobacco reporting regulations for Canadian manufacturers and importers
- Vaping Products Reporting Regulations

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Date when first included in the plan: April 2017

▼ Tobacco Cost Recovery Regulations

Enabling act:

Tobacco and Vaping Products Act

Description:

As a result of Bill C-59 (the *Fall Economic Statement Implementation Act, 2023*), the *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* was amended with regulatory authority to implement a cost-recovery program for tobacco and vaping product manufacturers.

We are proposing new regulations to establish and implement a tobacco cost-recovery program. Under the proposed regulations, tobacco manufacturers would have to pay a regulatory fee or charge toward the costs of federal public health investments in the control of tobacco products.

This initiative was identified as a commitment in the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health's 2021 Mandate Letter.

Regulatory cooperation efforts (domestic and international):

This initiative is not part of a formal regulatory cooperation work plan.

Potential impacts:

The regulatory proposal would apply to manufacturers of tobacco products. The regulatory fee or charge would contribute toward the Government of Canada's tobacco-related activities.

Consultations:

We launched a 70-day public consultation on August 1, 2024, to solicit feedback on a proposed tobacco cost recovery framework.

We are reviewing and analyzing feedback on the proposal to inform the development of the regulations which will be published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II in spring 2025.

Learn more:

- [Consultation document: Proposed tobacco cost recovery framework](#)
- [2023 Fall Economic Statement](#)

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To learn about upcoming or ongoing consultations on proposed federal regulations, visit:

- [Consulting with Canadians](#)
- [Canada Gazette](#)

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