

# Prohibition of the Manufacture and Importation of Wheel Weights Containing Lead Regulations



On February 15, 2023, the Government of Canada published the [Prohibition of the Manufacture and Importation of Wheel Weights Containing Lead Regulations](#). To prevent releases of lead, the Regulations prohibit the manufacture and importation of wheel weights containing lead for vehicles in Canada.

Lead is currently the most common material used in wheel weights to balance a vehicle's tires. During regular use, wheel weights routinely fall off tires and enter the environment, where they are eventually abraded into lead dust. Without action, it is expected that lead would continue to be used by the Canadian wheel weight market.

The Regulations align with measures taken in other jurisdictions such as the European Union, Japan, and certain states in the United States.

**As of February 3, 2024, manufacture and importation of wheel weights containing more than 0.1% lead by weight will be prohibited, except in accordance with a permit issued under the Regulations.** The Regulations do not affect the sale and installation of the remaining lead wheel weights stock currently in Canada.



## WHAT YOU CAN DO BEFORE THE REGULATIONS ENTER INTO FORCE

It is your responsibility to take any necessary action before the coming into force of the Regulations on February 3, 2024. For example:

Manufacturers	Importers	Sellers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Inform your customers of the prohibition.</li><li>✓ Plan to cease the manufacture of wheel weights containing lead for vehicles in Canada.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Inform your customers of the prohibition.</li><li>✓ Inform your foreign suppliers of the prohibition.</li><li>✓ Plan to cease the import of wheel weights containing lead.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Inform your suppliers and customers of the prohibition.</li><li>✓ Plan to stop acquiring wheel weights containing lead. As of February 3, 2024; Only the sale and installation of remaining stock of lead wheel weights already in Canada will be possible.</li></ul>



## RECORD KEEPING

Manufacturers and importers of wheel weights must maintain records demonstrating that the wheel weights are manufactured or imported in accordance with the Regulations. Records must include: the number of wheel weights that were manufactured or imported, the date on which the wheel weights were manufactured or imported; and the date on which the wheel weights were exported or are intended to be exported. Records must be kept at the principal place of business in Canada for at least five years.



## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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