



Notice of Intent

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Adjusted consultation period for Proposed Registration Decision (PRD) for Category A applications (Registration of new active ingredients or major new uses of pesticides)

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1.0 Purpose

This notice is to inform stakeholders that Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) will start piloting an adjusted consultation period on 15 August 2025. The adjustment brings the consultation duration for applications to register new active ingredients or major new uses (Category A¹) from 45 days to 30 days. However, an additional 15-day extension will be granted upon request. It is anticipated that the revised procedure will improve decision-making time and overall program performance, without reducing the 45-day window currently available.

2.0 Adjustment of the consultation period for Proposed Registration Decision for Category A applications

The duration of this type of consultation is discussed in Section 4.3 of the *Management of Submissions Policy* (MOSP): "The consultation period for a Proposed Registration Decision is 45 days from the date of publication."

As part of its efforts to improve decision-making time and overall program performance, the PMRA is proposing this adjustment to consultation periods following a program analysis showing that most consultations for pre-market decisions did not result in substantive comments. However, to maintain the option for a 45-day consultation period, a 15-day extension may be requested from the PMRA. This would provide stakeholders with additional time to prepare more fulsome comments to proposed decisions when required. The extension request must be submitted to the PMRA's Publications Section within the 30-day consultation period and will be granted to stakeholders who submit a written request. Thus, the full 45-day consultation period, as reported in the MOSP, will still be available if required.

The scope of this change is limited to the consultation period for Proposed Registration Decisions for Category A applications.

The proposal is not anticipated to impact application outcomes and does not affect the scientific review itself. It will affect the administrative coordination of the consultation period only. In addition, this adjustment will bring PMRA in greater alignment with consultations periods from international regulators such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

3.0 Next steps

Proposed Registration Decisions for Category A applications published on or after 15 August 2025 will be subject to this Notice. This pilot will end on 30 March 2026.

The PMRA will consider written comments regarding this Notice of Intent up to 30 days after the date of publication of this document. Comments received will be considered, along with information from the pilot to inform future changes to MOSP.

¹ See the MOSP for a description of submission categories

Please forward your comments to the PMRA's Publications Section, and include:

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