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CHALLENGES

- Registration Backlog
- Returned for update backlog
- Late registrations
- Incorrect information provided (not matching CIPC)
- Condonation processes
- Failure to provide evidence upon receipt of condonation

ROLE OF INDUSTRY

- ❑ Producers must create products that are easier to recycle, reuse, repair, or contain less harmful materials.
- ❑ Producers are responsible for funding the costs of collection, transportation, recycling, or safely disposal of the products they put on the market.
- ❑ Producers must establish systems (often through Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs) to manage the end-of-life waste generated by their products
- ❑ Producers/PROS must collect data and regularly report on how they implement their EPR schemes.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PROS

- Collect and manage funds from their producer members to implement waste management activities/EPR schemes
- Organise and coordinate collection, recycling, and recovery of products at end-of-life.
- Ensure they comply with the obligations in the EPR regulations and targets in the sector Notices.
- Monitor, record, and report recycling and waste management performance to authorities.
- Promote consumer awareness and education on proper waste management and recycling.

Role of the Department

- ❑ Monitor and enforce compliance with the EPR Regulations
- ❑ Oversee and guide EPR schemes and ensure producers and PROs comply with EPR requirements.
- ❑ Protect natural resources (forests, fisheries, wildlife) and promote sustainable use.
- ❑ Conduct education, awareness, and public engagement on EPR to support responsible environmental behaviour.

SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE ADOPTION RATES AND STREAMLINE PROCESSES FOR INDUSTRY

- Develop simpler reporting systems so producers can submit data faster and with fewer errors.
- Implement environmental labelling to make recycling instructions easier for consumers to understand.
- Encourage product design improvements so recycling becomes cheaper and more efficient.

SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE ADOPTION RATES AND STREAMLINE PROCESSES for PROs

- ☐ Build partnerships with recyclers and municipalities to improve collection coverage and efficiency.
- ☐ Develop digital tracking systems for reporting waste collection, treatment, and recycling performance in real time.
- ☐ Centralize data platforms to reduce paperwork and duplicate submissions.
- ☐ Run consumer awareness campaigns to increase collection rates and reduce contamination of recyclables.
- ☐ Provide technical support and training to producers who struggle with compliance requirements.

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THANK YOU!

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