

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Printed Paper and Packaging (PPP)

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Update on PPP in NS

Progress throughout 2022:

- ✓ Targeted engagement
- ✓ What We Heard report
- ✓ Engaged with consultants and Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness

Next steps:

- Review and analyze feedback to inform decision-making
- Complete Business Impact Assessment

Expanding EPR in NS

Targeted engagement on EPR for batteries, lighting and additional electronics was also conducted in 2022

Current EPR programs:

- paint, used oil/filters, electronics

EPR for PPP:

- includes materials commonly found in NS' blue bag system



Why EPR for PPP?



Drives design changes to simplify recycling

- Industry is incented to design more easily recyclable packaging
- Creates dialogue between producers, packagers, and recycling stakeholders



Drives efficiency of system

- Increases economy of scale
- Minimizes duplication

EPR for PPP – roles and responsibilities*

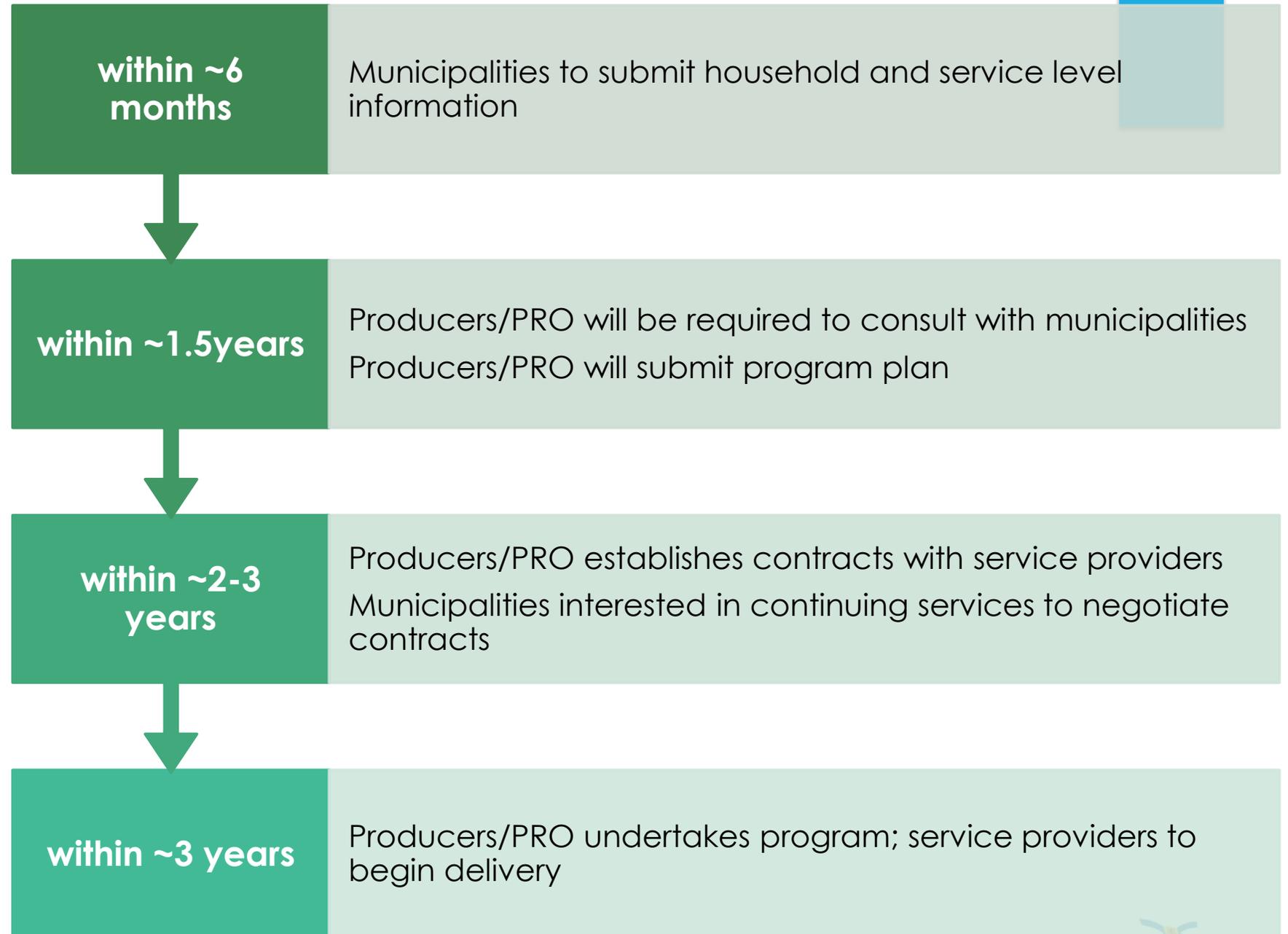
Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulated to develop and manage program • Permitted to appoint a PRO
Producer responsibility organization (PRO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed by producers to develop and operate the program • Collects fees from producers • May contract municipalities
Provincial government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligates producers, sets targets • Reviews and approves the program plan
Third party oversight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversees compliance with program plan and regulations
Municipalities and regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be contracted by industry to continue collection, education and/or processing/marketing

Evolving role results in significant change management

*contingent on final drafting instructions and approvals

Milestones

from when proposed regulation comes into force*



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1. Household and service level information

Potential data to be submitted within **~6 months** of regulation amendment; ensuring households are sufficiently serviced:

- **Household information** (e.g. # of households, addresses, collection maps)
 - Who is currently receiving curbside recycling collection
 - Who is currently receiving curbside garbage collection but not recycling
 - Those along collection route who do not receive municipal services (e.g. schools, businesses)
- **Level of service being provided**
 - Curbside service levels - e.g. materials collected, type of container, frequency, day of the week, quantity collected, etc
 - Depots (if applicable) – e.g. locations of depots, hours of operation, materials accepted)

2. Consultation on program plan

Municipalities to consider and communicate elements they believe should be included in the program plan

The producer/PRO will be required to submit a plan to the Minister within ~1.5 years after the regulation comes into force which may include such items as:

- How materials will be collected (curbside, depot, receptacles)
- Service standards
- How materials will be tracked and audited
- Overview of the consultation feedback

3. Becoming a service provider

Considerations:

- Becoming a service provider is a choice, not a requirement
- A full producer model does not guarantee that costs are fully covered

PRO may be looking to contract out the following:

- Local education
- Curbside collection
- Post collection services (e.g. pre-processing, processing)

3. Becoming a service provider

Methods used in other jurisdictions to negotiate contracts:

- One municipality leads negotiations and shares a template contract
- Municipalities collaborate on developing a template contract with producers/PROs

Data that may support negotiations:

- Costs per household
- Quantities collected
- Contamination levels in blue bag materials
- Packaging collected in curbside composting stream
- IC&I services provided (# of units, quantity)

Concluding remarks

- Key areas to focus efforts include:
 1. Documenting household and service level information
 2. Recording feedback to provide to PRO during program plan consultation
 3. Preparing data and developing a strategy for negotiating contracts

- Tremendous work has already been undertaken by Chairs/NSFM/Priorities in building capacity and knowledge among municipal stakeholders

- This Summit, led by Divert NS, presents a great foundation to prepare for proposed regulations and anticipated negotiations

Questions?

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