

**Electronics Stewardship Association of British Columbia (ESABC)
Request for Comment on the Designation of Phase II Electronic Products
July 28, 2008**

Background:

On June 26, 2007, the British Columbia Ministry of the Environment (MOE) released a notice to industry product stewardship stakeholders and other interested parties regarding the addition of new products to the Recycling Regulation (MOE reference: 93490). In this notice, the Ministry indicated their intent to add “two new product categories to industry-led product stewardship every three years.”

Of the product categories identified in the Ministry’s notice, the Electronics category is indicated as an existing product category that is subject to expansion of new products through a phased approach.

ESABC advised the Minister in January 2008 that they would be seeking a harmonized approach with other stewardship programs with respect to electronic products to be included in Phase II of the British Columbia program.

Subsequently the Ministry advised that they required that ESABC provide a list of products for possible inclusion in Phase II by early August 2008. In this regard, subsequent to the Ministry of the Environment’s notice and comment period, ESABC is issuing a request for comment to its members and other interested stakeholders in an attempt to determine whether the electronic products in the PHASE II Products listed in Table A are suited for inclusion in Phase II of the ESABC program.

Current Status:

ESABC provides province wide collection and environmentally sound recycling of designated electronic products, currently consisting of televisions, desktop and notebook computers, monitors and desktop printers. ESABC endeavours to expand its list of designated program products when it can be completed in an environmentally sound and economically efficient manner, however, ESABC recognizes the challenge in determining which product(s) to choose for inclusion in Phase II. In support of a harmonized approach ESABC has advised the Ministry that they are conducting consultation based on the Phase II Product List which is presently the subject of consultation in Nova Scotia (the “ACES List”).

Assessment of Potential Phase II Products:

Some of the issues being considered by ESABC when assessing the products identified in the ACES List for possible inclusion in Phase II of the ESABC program include:

- Capacity of and ability to be collected through the existing collection network
- Opportunities to be collected through an expanded collection network
- Ability to be recycled in an environmentally sound manner
- Existing recycling capacity for the product (ESABC approved or otherwise)
- Estimated volume of product currently available for collection
- Existing product recycling and/or diversion opportunities

Based on these factors, it is recognized that not all products in the ACES List may be acceptable for inclusion in Phase II in British Columbia and consultation is being initiated with key stakeholders in British Columbia on the ACES Phase II List and exclusions as set out in the following table.

TABLE A

PHASE II PRODUCT LIST AND EXCLUSIONS – SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Obligated Product Category	Product Definition	Products Included in Program	Products Not Included
Computer Scanners	Includes desktop imaging equipment designed for use in conjunction with personal computers that converts hard copy data, such as text, photos, etc; into an electronic image or file.	Desktop or portable computer scanners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ imaging device designed to receive electronic transmissions over a public telephone system, computer network or the Internet ▪ Fax Machines (already included in Phase 1) ▪ floor standing drum scanners
Audio and Video Playback and Recording Systems	<p>Audio and video recording and/or playback systems intended for residential use, including: Audio equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - amplifiers - receivers - speakers - CD players - Radios - Turntables - Cassette and other tape players - Portable cassette, cd and Digital audio players <p>Video Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - data projectors - VCRs - DVD players - Laser disc players - Digital and video cameras / camcorders 	<p>AM/FM Radios</p> <p>Video Cassette Recorders (VCRs)</p> <p>Digital Video Disk (DVD) players /recorders</p> <p>Amplifiers</p> <p>Speaker systems</p> <p>Home stereo systems</p> <p>Home theatre audio and video equipment</p> <p>Turntables/record players</p> <p>Portable compact disk players / recorders</p> <p>Portable audio cassette players / recorders</p> <p>MP3 players and other digital music recorders / players</p> <p>Home analog and digital video cameras and camcorders</p>	<p>Audio and visual equipment developed for use embedded use in motor vehicles of any type</p> <p>Amplifiers and related equipment used for musical performances and/or public address</p>

		Digital and non-digital cameras	
Obligated Product Category	Product Definition	Products Included in Program	Products Not Included
Telephones and Fax Machines	A telecommunications device with a handset or headset that is used to transmit and receive sound (most commonly speech)	Telephones (corded and cordless, voip, satellite phones) Telephone line answering machines (cassette and digital)	Telecommunications equipment developed for embedded use in motor vehicles of any type Commercial-grade "pay phones"
Cell Phones, PDAs and Pagers	Hand-held telecommunication devices which accesses a cellular network for transmission of voice or data A cell phone includes the rechargeable battery that may be connected to that cell phone.	Cellular phones, Smart phones, Personal Digital Assistants, Pagers	a wireless device that is functionally or physically a part of a larger device or system designed and intended for use in an industrial, commercial, medical or governmental setting. Satellite phones Walkie talkies Non-cellular compatible PDAs

Proposal:

In an attempt to harmonize with and maintain operational consistency with other jurisdictions, ESABC has advised the Ministry that they are conducting consultation with key stakeholders on the products set out in the list of Phase II products currently the subject of consultation in Nova Scotia.

Based on an assessment of the estimated volume of these materials currently available for collection in the marketplace, and the ability to effectively collect and process these materials in an environmentally sound manner, and consultation with key stakeholders ESABC may refine this product list.

As a result, ESABC requires feedback from all interested stakeholders on the suitability of the products included in ACES list of Phase II products for inclusion in Phase II of the ESABC program.

Consultation Process:

ESABC's request for comment on the proposed list of products for inclusion in Phase II of the ESABC program will be open to all interested stakeholders until: August 29, 2008.

ESABC will consider all comments submitted through the consultation process and provide a recommendation to the Minister of the Environment, outlining those products in the ACES Phase II list deemed suitable for inclusion in Phase II of the British Columbia program in early fall 2008.

Target organizations for this consultation include:

- ESABC Members
- Electronics Product Stewardship Canada
- Retail Council of Canada
- Electro-Federation Canada
- Information Technology Association of Canada
- British Columbia Technology Industry Association
- Canadian Wireless & Telecommunications Association
- Canadian Imaging Trade Association
- Information Technology Industry Council (USA)
- Recycling Council of British Columbia
- Encorp Pacific (Canada)
- ESABC Approved Processors
- ESABC Approved Collectors
- ESABC Approved Consolidation Depots
- Alberta Recycling Management Authority
- Saskatchewan Waste Electronic Equipment Program
- Ontario Electronics Stewardship
- Atlantic Canada Electronics Stewardship
- The Consumer Electronics Association

Submission of Comments:

All comments must be submitted by August 29, 2008 to:

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