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## CNHHE NEWS

Happy summer! We hope you have been enjoying some summer fun to provide balance to the more serious side of life. However, we thought that we should keep you posted about news of interest to all involved in Environmental Health.

Please note that the State of the Science Reports on several **phthalates** are out, with a **September 30<sup>th</sup>** deadline for comments on a proposed approach for cumulative risk assessment of phthalates. There are several other documents that have been published by the CMP. Remember that the deadline for comments about **selenium** is approaching on **September 16**. **As usual, we would like to know if you would like to collaborate on comments.**

Health Canada is also consulting Canadians on proposed changes to the Cosmetic Ingredient Hotlist. The deadline for comments is **August 26**.

Finally, there is an interesting Canadian Public Health Association discussion paper out on **ecological determinants of health** and an announcement about an intriguing conference on **ecological economics** taking place in Vancouver at the beginning of October.

### Latest News from the CMP:

#### **Selenium-containing Substance Grouping**

A draft screening assessment and proposed risk management scope document for selenium and its compounds were published for a 60-day public comment period **ending September 16, 2015**. <http://chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/selenium-eng.php>

#### **Phthalates**

The proposed Approach for Cumulative Risk Assessment of Phthalates was published for a 60-day public comment period, along with other related documents, including Four State of the Science Reports (**PCP ends September 30**). <http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/phthalate/index-eng.php>

#### ***Paenibacillus polymyxa***

The final screening assessment on *Paenibacillus polymyxa* strains ATCC 842, ATCC 55407 and 13540-4 (Priority B micro-organism) was published. <http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/prioritb-eng.php>

### ***Escherichia hermannii***

The final screening assessment on *Escherichia hermannii* ATCC 700368 (Priority A micro-organism) was published.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/priorita-eng.php>

### ***Bacillus licheniformis/ subtilis***

The final screening assessment on the *Domestic Substances List Bacillus licheniformis/ subtilis* (Priority A and Priority B micro-organisms) group was published.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/index-eng.php>

### **Microbeads**

The Science Summary, a proposed Order adding microbeads to Schedule 1 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA 1999) and a notice (mandatory survey) under section 71 of CEPA 1999 with respect to microbeads were published.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-proche/microb-eng.php>

### **Stakeholder Advisory Council**

The Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Council Summary Report for the May 2015 meeting was published.

<http://chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/council-conseil/meet-reunion-eng.php>

### **Mandatory Surveys**

Three notices (mandatory surveys) under section 71 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* with respect to certain polymers, certain petroleum substances and nanomaterials were published.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/resources/s71-eng.php>

### **Health Canada Consultation on proposed changes to the Cosmetic Ingredient Hotlist:**

Comments must be sent to: [cosmetics@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:cosmetics@hc-sc.gc.ca) by **August 26, 2015**

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/legislation/consultation/2015/hotlist\\_cosmetic\\_liste-critique/index-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/legislation/consultation/2015/hotlist_cosmetic_liste-critique/index-eng.php)

### **Article of Interest:**

Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) Discussion Paper – **Global Change and Public Health: Addressing the Ecological Determinants of Health**

[\*\*New CPHA Discussion Paper on the Ecological Determinants of Health\*\*](#)

### **Conference:**

**Pathways for Change: Towards a Just and Sustainable Economy**

Ecological Economics Conference. October 1-4, 2015 in Vancouver

<http://www.canussee2015.org/>