



Information Session on *Precursor Control Regulations* - Class B precursors

Health Canada has developed a phased-in approach for the implementation of the *Precursor Control Regulations*, which were published in Canada Gazette Part II on October 9, 2002. Copies of these Regulations can be obtained from the Justice Canada website at <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/C-38.8/index.html>. Provisions in these Regulations governing the licence and permit requirements for production, package, sale/provision, import and export of Class A precursors came into effect in January, 2003.

Provisions in these Regulations pertaining to Class B will come into effect on January 1, 2004. All companies that produce for sale, import or export Class B precursors must be registered under the Regulations, and export permit requirements will apply to shipments of certain Class B precursors to specified destinations.

In order to assist stakeholders' understanding of the regulatory requirements for Class B precursors, and the associated registration application procedure, the Office of Controlled Substances will hold information sessions. These information sessions will be held in late October in Calgary, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. Guidance documents regarding the registration application and the regulatory requirement for Class B precursors will be available soon. For details on the information sessions and the guidance documents, please send your inquiry by email to precursors@hc-sc.gc.ca or contact the Office of Controlled Substances at 613-948-7796.