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Report Highlights:

On April 22, 2024, Canada announced the implementation of a Federal Plastic Registry to monitor the types and volumes of plastic products, including plastic packaging used in agriculture and food manufacturing, through their life cycle on the Canadian market.

Following recent public consultations (see GAIN report [CA2024-0001](#)), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) [announced](#) the establishment of Federal Plastics Registry to require plastic resin manufacturers, producers of plastic products (including importers), and service providers to report each year, starting in 2025, on the quantity and types of plastic they place on the market and how that plastic moves through the economy. The reporting requirement extends to the quantity of plastic that is collected and diverted, reused, repaired, remanufactured, refurbished, recycled, processed into chemicals, composted, incinerated, and landfilled.

Annual reporting to the Federal Plastics Registry will start in September 2025, for data related to the 2024 calendar year, and continue until September 2027. ECCC indicated that reporting requirements for beyond 2027 would be covered by a future information-gathering notice. Small businesses that generate less than one metric ton of plastics per year are exempt from reporting.

Examples of plastic products subject to the reporting requirement include:

- Plastic packaging, filled and unfilled, rigid and flexible, within the following subcategories:
 - o Beverage containers
 - o Food contact materials
- Plastic products used in agriculture and horticulture, within the following subcategories:
 - o Agricultural containers, totes and drums, bags and large tote bags
 - o Clips, supports, hooks, bale wraps, bags or tubes
 - o Agricultural and horticultural film and sheeting (e.g. for silage, mulch, flooring, plant protection)
 - o Structural plastic, and CO2 tubing for greenhouses; propagation trays and growing pots
 - o Maple syrup tubing and taps; agricultural and horticultural twine

Additional information and full requirements can be found in [ECCC's Federal Plastics Registry Notice](#). In complying with plastic reporting requirements, Canadian importers may request information from their suppliers, such as U.S. exporters of agriculture and food products, who thus end up sharing in the effort of collecting and reporting on the data. Moreover, non-resident importers (NRIs) – U.S. based companies exporting to Canada and acting as the importer of record – may be directly subject to the reporting requirements.

ECCC is likely to rely on the information collected via the Federal Plastics Registry to inform the development of future plastic reduction regulations, or measures, such as requirements related to minimum recycled content, or plastic packaging reduction requirements. In 2023, Canada was the number one export market for U.S. agricultural and related products valued at \$32.9 billion, of which the high-value consumer-oriented category totaled a record \$20.2 billion.

Attachments:

No Attachments.