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RPPRA: COMPANY OVERVIEW

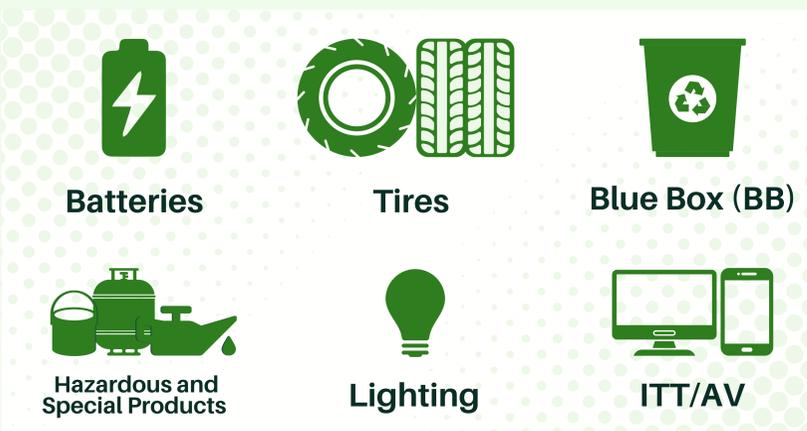
With the proclamation of the *Waste-Free Ontario Act, 2016*, RPPRA was mandated by the Government of Ontario to regulate producers of waste in the province.

- 🌱 **RPPRA'S VISION** *A circular economy today for a waste free tomorrow.*
- 🌱 **RPPRA'S MISSION** *Support compliance with individual producer responsibility through education and enforcement to foster Ontario's circular economy, spur innovation, and protect the environment.*

COMPLIANCE & CIRCULARITY

The **Compliance and Registry team** at RPPRA seeks to drive environmental and economic benefits by extracting value from what would otherwise be waste through the enforcement of Ontario's circular economy laws.

They enforce compliance for **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** programs, including:



They also manage the registration and reporting services for the following programs enforced by the *Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks*:

- **Excess Soil**
- **Hazardous Waste**

MAJOR PROJECTS

- 🌱 Conducted a **Data Clean-up** of over 1300 backlogged Freerider cases in the Registry, under the Tires, Batteries, Blue Box, EEE, and HSP Programs.
 - Allocated cases to the right producer accounts, wherever applicable.
- 🌱 Established contact with over 40 municipalities of Ontario transitioning under the BB Regulation in 2025 through **Outbound Calls**.
 - Coordinated their schedules for attendance in working group sessions regarding *Municipal Blue Box Transition Reporting*;
 - Sent out email communications with relevant resources and information for those unavailable to attend, to ensure stakeholder awareness.
- 🌱 Completed a **Jurisdictional Scan** on how other provinces + territories of Canada define, address, and regulate "refillable" beverage containers.



ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Assisted the *Blue Box* Program Coordinator, and contributed to the execution of the Blue Box Transition on July 1, 2023.
- Assisted *Blue Box*-specific Compliance Officers in Adjustments for producer supply reporting.
- Attempted communication with a few *Blue Box* freeriders to get them to register, report, or contract with a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO).

KEY TAKEAWAYS



Compliance is a very complex process. Enforcement requires *hands-on* tracking and *continuous* communication with producers.



Extended Producer Responsibility is integral to incentivise producers to incorporate a *circular model* in their business operations and product design.



Just enforcing is not enough; actively *educating* relevant stakeholders is crucial for achieving Ontario's waste management goals.

INDUSTRY CHALLENGES AND LESSONS

- The language used in regulations is, at times, unclear. This can create a disconnect in how industries perceive regulations versus how the Ministry intended them.
- Regulators need to take out time for interpretation, and then communicate it effectively to stakeholders.
- Gathering data and extrapolating relevant information to ensure compliance can be a very challenging task.
- Significant coordination across all departments, including ministry partners, is key to efficient and effective regulation.

EPR programs are slowly being adopted by other jurisdictions of Canada, including Alberta, New Brunswick, Yukon, and the NWTs, in a variety of material classifications.

DID YOU KNOW?