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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION ACT

Notice to interested parties — Intent to develop regulations under the Assisted Human Reproduction Act

This notice is to advise the public of the Department of Health's intention to proceed with bringing into force sections 10, 12 and 45 to 58 of the *Assisted Human Reproduction Act* (AHRA) and to draft supporting regulations, as required.

The AHRA, which was based on recommendations from the 1993 Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies, received royal assent in 2004. The Act was written to be a comprehensive legislative framework to help protect and promote the health, safety, dignity and rights of individuals who use or are born of assisted human reproductive technologies in Canada. The Act protects individuals in Canada by setting out prohibited activities related to assisted human reproduction that may pose significant human health and safety risks or that have been deemed to be ethically unacceptable or incompatible with Canadian values.

In 2010, the Supreme Court of Canada determined that much of the AHRA was unconstitutional due to infringements on provincial and territorial jurisdictions and, as a result, the legislation to implement the 2012 budget introduced amendments to the AHRA to respond to the Supreme Court decision. This legislation repealed the sections of the AHRA found unconstitutional as well as the sections dealing with the Assisted Human Reproduction Agency of Canada, the agency formerly responsible for administering the AHRA, thereby reducing the federal role in overseeing assisted human reproduction. Responsibility for the AHRA was transferred to Health Canada at that time.

Although the AHRA allows for regulations to be made respecting the reimbursement of expenses incurred by donors of reproductive tissues and surrogates, the absence of these regulations — resulting in section 12 of the Act not being in force — has led to confusion for parties involved in surrogacy arrangements and tissue donation.

Meanwhile, scientific and technological advances have introduced procedures and techniques not previously envisioned, and the attitudes of Canadians towards assisted human reproduction may have shifted. There is a clear need to update regulations and create new ones concerning the safety of tissues used for assisted reproduction (i.e. donor sperm and ova).

The Department will undertake the following measures:

- Draft regulations aimed at reducing the risks to human health and safety arising from the use of donor sperm and ova for the purpose of assisted human reproduction, including the risk of the transmission of disease, and bring section 10 of the AHRA into force;
- Draft regulations regarding reimbursement of expenses incurred by donors and surrogates and bring section 12 of the AHRA into force; and
- Draft supporting regulations, as required, to bring into force sections 45 to 58 and designate inspectors for the purpose of administering and enforcing the Act and its regulations.

Interested stakeholders will be given an opportunity to provide feedback on regulatory proposals following their prepublication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I.

Comments regarding this proposal should, within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice, be directed to the Office of Policy and International Collaboration, Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate, Address Locator 0601B, Tunney's Pasture, 100 Eglantine Driveway, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9, 613-957-2991 (telephone), 613-952-5364 (fax), bgtd_ahr-dpbtg_pa@hc-sc.gc.ca (email).

Jane Philpott
Minister of Health

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1999

Publication of results of investigations for 89 substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraph 68(b) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)

Whereas the 89 substances are identified under subsection 73(1) of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA), or were otherwise identified as priorities based on other human health concerns;

Whereas a science approach document describing a scientific approach that was applied to the substances was developed pursuant to paragraph 68(b) of the Act in order to classify their relative human health risk based on hazard and exposure profiles for each substance;

Whereas a summary of the Science Approach Document for the substances pursuant to paragraph 68(b) of the Act is annexed hereto;

And whereas the publication of the results will assist the Government in addressing substances that may be of low human health concern in a more effective manner,

Notice is hereby given that the human health component of the screening assessments of the 89 substances, which will be conducted under section 68 and/or section 74 of CEPA, will be published at a later date and may be based in whole or in part on the analysis presented in this Science Approach Document.

Public comment period

Any person may, within 60 days after publication of this notice, file with the Minister of the Environment written comments on the scientific considerations presented in the Science Approach Document. More information regarding the scientific considerations may be obtained from the Government of Canada's Chemical Substances Web site (www.chemicalsubstances.gc.ca). All comments must cite the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, and the date of publication of this notice and be sent to the Executive Director, Program Development and Engagement Division, Environment Canada, Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3, 819-938-5212 (fax), eccc.substances.eccc@canada.ca (email).

In accordance with section 313 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*, any person who provides information in response to this notice may submit with the information a request that it be treated as confidential.

David Morin
Director General
Safe Environments Directorate

On behalf of the Minister of Health

ANNEX

Summary of the Science Approach Document

Pursuant to section 68 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA), Health Canada has evaluated a subset of 89 substances of the approximately 1 500 remaining priority substances to be addressed in the third phase of the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP).

The 1 500 substances were identified as priorities for assessment as they met categorization criteria under subsection 73(1) of CEPA and/or were considered a priority based on human health concerns. A group of

237 candidates among the 1 500 priority substances was identified via qualitative characterization of uses and exposure potential. The aim was to identify substances that were not evaluated using previous rapid screening approaches but for which exposure to the general population was expected to be limited. The candidates were then assessed via an approach based on threshold of toxicological concern (TTC). This TTC-based approach identified 89 substances that are unlikely to pose a risk to human health based on current levels of exposure. The Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Numbers (CAS RNs ([see footnote 1](#))) of these 89 substances are provided in this Science Approach Document (SciAD).

For each candidate, exposure estimates were compared to assigned TTC values. Based on information presented in this Science Approach Document, 89 substances identified in this approach had exposure estimates below assigned TTC values and thus were considered to be of low concern for human health at current levels of exposure. The remaining 148 substances of the 237 candidates either were excluded or had exposure estimates that exceeded the TTC values; these substances will undergo further assessment under separate initiatives.

An assessment of the 89 substances, conducted under section 68 and/or section 74 of CEPA, will be published at a later date.

The Science Approach Document is available on the Government of Canada's Chemical Substances Web site (www.chemicalsubstances.gc.ca).

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

ASSESSMENT OF PENSION PLANS REGULATIONS

Basic rate

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with section 5 of the *Assessment of Pension Plans Regulations*, that the Superintendent of Financial Institutions sets the basic rate, established pursuant to section 4 of the said Regulations, at \$8.00 for the Office year beginning on April 1, 2017. In accordance with subsection 2(2) of the said Regulations, this rate applies to plans with a year-end between October 1, 2016, and September 30, 2017, and for newly established plans filing for registration on or after April 1, 2017.

September 20, 2016

Carolyn Rogers

Assistant Superintendent

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

Appointment opportunities

We know that our country is stronger — and our government more effective — when decision-makers reflect Canada's diversity. Moving forward, the Government of Canada will use an appointment process that is transparent and merit-based, strives for gender parity, and ensures that Indigenous Canadians and minority groups are properly represented in positions of leadership. We will continue to search for Canadians who reflect the values that we all embrace: inclusion, honesty, fiscal prudence, and generosity of spirit. Together, we will build a government as diverse as Canada.

The Government of Canada is currently seeking applications from diverse and talented Canadians from across the country who are interested in the following positions.

Current opportunities

The following opportunities for appointments to Governor in Council positions are currently open for applications. Every opportunity is open for a minimum of two weeks from the date of posting on the Governor in Council Appointments Web site (<http://www.appointments-nominations.gc.ca/slctnPrCs.asp?menu=1&lang=eng>).

Position	Organization	Closing date
Directors	Destination Canada (Canadian Tourism Commission)	October 1, 2016
Chief Commissioner	Canadian Grain Commission	October 3, 2016 (see note *)
Assistant Chief Commissioner	Canadian Grain Commission	October 3, 2016 (see note **)
Commissioner	Canadian Grain Commission	October 3, 2016 (see note ***)
Members	Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada	October 3, 2016
Members	Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority	October 6, 2016
Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner	Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner	
Commissioner of Lobbying	Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying	
President	Public Service Commission	
Chairperson	Atomic Energy of Canada Limited	October 24, 2016
Directors	Atomic Energy of Canada Limited	October 24, 2016
Member	Canada–Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board	October 24, 2016
Member	Canada–Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board	October 24, 2016
Chairperson	Marine Atlantic Inc.	October 13, 2016
Chairperson	Ridley Terminals Inc.	October 13, 2016

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To ensure greater visibility of the application process for Canadian farmers and stakeholders during the busy harvest season, the deadline has been extended. Candidates must apply online by October 3, 2016.

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Upcoming opportunities

New opportunities that will be posted in the coming weeks.

Position	Organization
Full-time Member	National Energy Board
Chairperson	Patented Medicine Prices Review Board
Member	Patented Medicine Prices Review Board
Citizenship Judges	Citizenship Commission
Assistant Privacy Commissioner	Office of the Privacy Commissioner
Member	Military Judges Compensation Committee
Vice-Chairpersons (full-time position and part-time position)	Military Grievances External Review Committee
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Chairperson	Canadian Museum for Human Rights
Members	National Film Board
Members	National Capital Commission
Chairperson	National Gallery of Canada
Vice-Chairperson	National Gallery of Canada
Trustees	National Gallery of Canada
Member	Telefilm Canada
President (Chief Executive Officer)	Atomic Energy of Canada Limited

Chairperson	Canadian Air Transport Security Authority
Chairperson	VIA Rail Canada Inc.
Members	Canada Council for the Arts
Member	Canada Agricultural Review Tribunal
Chairperson	Canadian Museum of History
Vice-Chairperson	Canadian Museum of History
Trustees	Canadian Museum of History
Trustees	Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
Chairperson	Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
Trustees	National Museum of Science and Technology
Members	Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Vice-Chairperson	Polar Knowledge Canada
Members	Polar Knowledge Canada
Permanent Members	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Chairperson	Canadian Museum of Nature
Trustees	Canadian Museum of Nature
Trustees	Canadian Museum for Human Rights
Members	Veterans Review and Appeal Board
Executive Vice-Chairperson and Member	Parole Board of Canada
Members — All regional divisions (full-time and part-time positions)	Parole Board of Canada

Ongoing opportunities

Opportunities posted on an ongoing basis.

Position	Organization
Full-time and Part-time Members (Appeal Division)	Social Security Tribunal
Full-time and Part-time Members (General Division – Income Security Section)	Social Security Tribunal
Full-time and Part-time Members (General Division – Employment Insurance Section)	Social Security Tribunal
Full-time and Part-time Members	Immigration and Refugee Board

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BANK OF CANADA

Statement of financial position as at August 31, 2016

(Millions of dollars) Unaudited

ASSETS		
Cash and foreign deposits		12.9
Loans and receivables		
Securities purchased under resale agreements	7,003.8	
Advances to members of Payments Canada (see footnote *)	—	
Advances to governments	—	
Other receivables	8.7	
		7,012.5
Investments		
Treasury bills of Canada	18,964.2	
Government of Canada bonds	77,324.6	

Other investments	407.2	
		96,696.0
Property and equipment		518.5
Intangible assets		35.4
Other assets		51.8
		104,327.1

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Bank notes in circulation		76,962.9
Deposits		
Government of Canada	24,144.1	
Members of Payments Canada (see footnote **)	500.4	
Other deposits	1,557.1	
		26,201.6
Other liabilities		
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	—	
Other liabilities	663.4	
		663.4
		103,827.9
Equity		
Share capital	5.0	
Statutory and special reserves	125.0	

Available-for-sale reserve	369.2
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	499.2
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	104,327.1
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I declare that the foregoing return is correct according to the books of the Bank.

Ottawa, September 16 2016

Carmen Vierula

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accountant

I declare that the foregoing return is to the best of my knowledge and belief correct, and shows truly and clearly the financial position of the Bank, as required by section 29 of the *Bank of Canada Act*.

Ottawa, September 16 2016

Stephen S. Poloz

Governor

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[Footnote *](#)

Formerly "Canadian Payments Association"

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