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OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT
INSTITUTE OF CANADA

Final Notice: Important information about your potential obligations under the BC Recycling Regulation re. Electric Outdoor Power Equipment

Your company has been identified as a company that may be in non-compliance with the BC Recycling Regulation. **If you determine that you are not obligated by the BC Recycling Regulation, we request that you advise us immediately and provide us with the basis for your determination via email at memberservices@opeic.ca.** If all of your suppliers and/or customers have registered with an approved program on your behalf, you will need to inform OPEIC of this.

Failure to respond may result in the referral of your company to the BC Ministry of Environment for compliance action and potential fines. Please note that the BC Recycling Regulation applies to companies selling electric outdoor power equipment in or into British Columbia, Canada, through **all channels of distribution** including internet sales and drop shipments. Please review this notice for information on your potential regulatory obligations.

Requirements of the BC Recycling Regulation:

The British Columbia Recycling Regulation requires the “producers” (typically first importers, including retailers, distributors and manufacturers) of all electric outdoor power equipment supplied into the residential and commercial sectors in BC to provide an approved collection and recycling option for all generators of waste electric outdoor power equipment in BC by July 1, 2012. Please review the Regulation here:

www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/449_2004#Schedule3

Products covered by the Regulation:

- Electric outdoor power equipment (corded and battery operated):
 - Hand-Held Outdoor Power Equipment (ex. chain saws, sprayers, post hole digger, blowers, etc.)
 - Walk Behind Outdoor Power Equipment (ex. lawn aerator, snow thrower, lawn mower, etc.)
 - Free-Standing Outdoor Power Equipment (ex. pressure washer, wood chipper, mulcher, etc.)
 - Lawn Tractor
- Supply/sales to **all users** including **residential and commercial sectors**
- Sales through **all channels of distribution**, including internet and catalogue sales and drop shipments

How to Join OPEIC’s Approved Program:

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada (OPEIC), a non-profit industry association, has developed the OPEIC program to provide a compliance option for all obligated parties that covers all electric outdoor power equipment impacted by the BC Recycling Regulation. OPEIC membership is available to all obligated producers and offers a “turn-key” solution for compliance with all aspects of the BC Recycling Regulation. Program participants are not required to take back old products and there is no fee to join the OPEIC program. To join OPEIC, please contact us at the information below.

Program Funding:

The program is funded by “environmental handling fees” applied to the sale or supply of new electric outdoor power equipment supplied in BC on or after **July 1, 2012**. These fees are paid by program participants (manufacturers, distributors, retailers) who have joined OPEIC to fulfill their legal obligations. Participants have the option of “passing-on” this fee to their customers. The fee categories can be viewed here: www.opeic.ca/accepted-products.html

What to Do Next:

Please visit www.opeic.ca to find out more about the OPEIC program, the designated products, fee rates, your potential obligations and information about who in the supply chain should join the program.

Reply to OPEIC and confirm your plans to register for the OPEIC program or that each of your customers and/or suppliers will be taking on this responsibility on your behalf.

Kind regards,

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