
Changes to Fertilizer Registration and Regulations in Canada

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As Is Fertilizer Regulatory Framework

Product Registration: A Two Tier System

**Full
Registration
(New products &
modes of action)**

**Exempt Products
(Schedule II
established fertilizers
with proven benefit)**

Application Process

**Safety
Assessment**

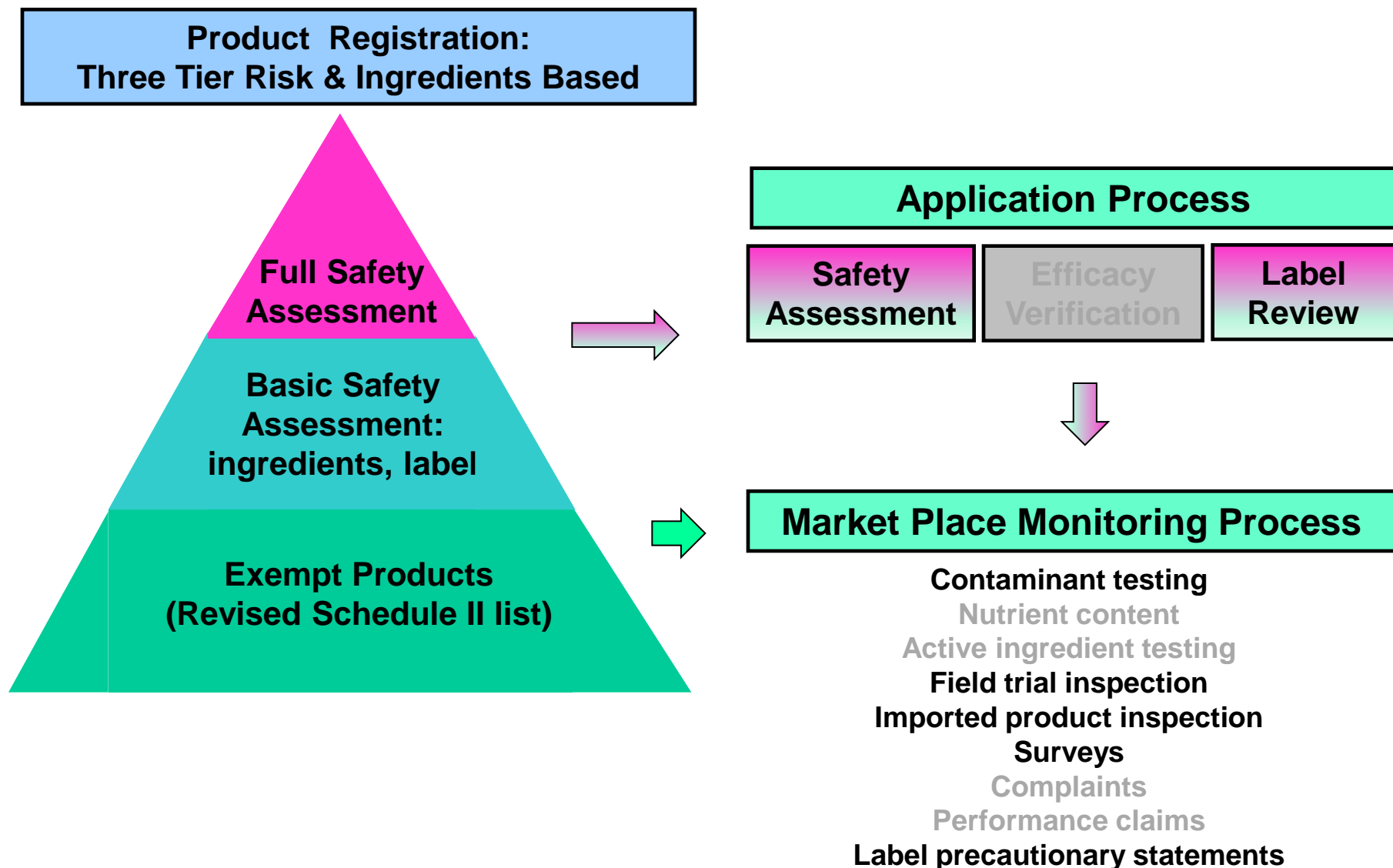
**Efficacy
Verification**

**Label
Review**

Market Place Monitoring Process

Contaminant testing
Nutrient content
Active ingredient testing
Field trial inspection
Imported product inspection
Surveys
Complaints
Performance claims
Label precautionary statements

To Be Fertilizer Regulatory Framework (April 1st 2013)



1. Reduce the average cycle time for registration?

- Express registration for some products
- Registration period increases to 5 years
- Maintain Schedule II exemptions for primary & secondary nutrient mineral and single ingredient fertilizer

2. Change the type and amount of data required for approval

- Registrants must provide component ingredient, source and safety information
- Revise Schedule II exemptions (eliminations & additions)
- Simplified labelling but now required in 2 languages
- Revised fertilizer definitions and categories to reflect current market

3. No Government oversight on quality and efficacy

- Products must be safe but don't necessarily need to work
- Claimed nutrient value will not be monitored

Industry Perspective

- + Positive view of reduced registration cycle time goal
- Unclear transition plan and timeline to move from the old to the new regulatory systems
- Time frame to transition in to an industry efficacy solution is tight
- Concerned about the effect on the fertilizer industry image if sub standard products enter the market and how to differentiate between good and poor products
- +/- Probably up to retailers to conduct more product investigation
- ? Cost and transparency of an industry run efficacy program
- ? Could the absence of an efficacy program eventually lead to regulation at the provincial level as in the US?

Goal: Consider development of a voluntary product efficacy information option

- Secure, publicly accessible web site
- Developed and hosted by the Canadian Fertilizer Institute
- Categorized by fertilizer class
- Products must meet Government registration requirements
- Standardized format and data submission
- Members responsible to post information and attest to it's correctness
- No resolution of disputes between customers and member companies

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Projected Government Timeline*

- Regulatory proposal made at Products Forum October 2012
- Amended regulatory proposal Dec. 2012
- 60 day public comment on proposal to February 2013
- User fee consultation April-June 2013
- Gazette I publication September 2013
- Regional meetings to communicate program changes 2014

* As presented to CFPF October 2012