

April 1, 2020

NOTICE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES SELLING STRYCHNINE

Re: Re-evaluation Decision RVD2020-06, Strychnine and Its Associated End-Use Products (Richardson's Ground Squirrel)

Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency has published the re-evaluation decision (RVD2020-06) regarding strychnine and its associated end-use products, which was published March 4, 2020.

Health Canada is cancelling the registration of strychnine, and all associated end-use products, used to control Richardson's ground squirrels for sale and use in Canada. To comply with this decision, products that are cancelled will be phased out following the implementation timeline outlined below.

- Strychnine sales by registrant are prohibited after March 4, 2021, followed by;
- Strychnine sales by retailer are prohibited after March 4, 2022, followed by;
- Strychnine possession and use by end-user is prohibited after March 4, 2023.

The re-evaluation decision can be found below.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/reports-publications/pesticides-pest-management/decisions-updates/reevaluation-decision/2020/strychnine.html>

What are your next steps?

If your county or municipality holds a vendor registration permitting the sale of strychnine, please email Tanya Rushcall (contact information below) with your current registration number.

After March 4, 2022, Alberta Environment and Parks will need to remove the ability to “**sell and distribute** (store) pesticides at Retail (Pesticide Sales and Distribution shall be limited to formulations of STRYCHNINE)” from vendor registrations.

This will result in either a cancellation of your vendor registration (if you were only selling strychnine products) or an amendment to your vendor registration (if you were permitted to sell other products (e.g. Rural Acreage Owner)).

For counties or municipalities who have indicated they hold a vendor registration permitting the sale of strychnine, you will receive an additional notice after March 4, 2022 for further action at that time.

If you have questions, contact Tanya Rushcall (780-644-4647; tanya.rushcall@gov.ab.ca) at AEP.