

## **Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) New Substance Notification (NSN) Regulations**

Unlike the United States where a chemical product can only be imported and sold if all the components are on the TSCA inventory, in Canada, a product can be imported and sold even if there are components which are not on the Domestic Substances List (DSL) inventory.

Under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), substances on the DSL can be freely manufactured in or imported into Canada.

Substances not on the DSL are considered to be “new” to Canada, but they can be manufactured or imported in quantities that do not exceed specified trigger limits. However, manufacturers or importers must notify these new substances to Environment Canada, prior to reaching the trigger quantities.

The DSL status of H.B. Fuller products is provided in Section 15 of the MSDS. If the product contains a component that is not listed on the DSL, the following information is provided:

**“CANADIAN CEPA DSL:** This product contains a component that is not on the DSL. If you are the importer of this product into Canada, contact H.B. Fuller for chemical tracking and notification information.”

The New Substance Notification (NSN) Regulations provides a tiered approach to notification. Substances are first categorized into one of three classes (polymers, chemicals or products of biotechnology) and then are categorized by notification group, which is based on specific factors such as volume and proposed use (e.g., R&D, commercial).

Each notification (also called a ‘Schedule’) has its own specific information requirements. Data requirements increase with subsequent notifications as greater quantities of materials are manufactured or imported into Canada. Once the last notification for a substance has been submitted, it’s eligible for addition to the DSL.

H.B. Fuller’s policy is to notify new substances for which it is the importer of record in Canada, prior to reaching the relevant trigger quantity requiring notification. In cases where our customer is the Canadian importer of record, H.B. Fuller will support their notification by submitting the confidential information directly to Environment Canada.

The Canadian importer of record must prepare the appropriate notification Schedule, providing all information required in the notification except the confidential information that is not available to the importer (e.g., substance identity, GPC, reactants, etc.). Upon receipt of the NSN, Environment Canada will provide the submitter with an NSN number which H.B Fuller will use as reference in its confidential submission to Environment Canada.

For more information about the Canadian DSL and NSN regulations, please contact Global Regulatory via email ([reg.request@hbfuller.com](mailto:reg.request@hbfuller.com)).