

## Health Canada

### Environmental Assessment Working Group (EAWG)

#### Report for June 3 & 4, 2008 meeting

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The Environmental Assessment Working Group (EAWG) meeting was held in Ottawa, June 3 & 4, 2008.

#### Objectives:

- an overview of proposed legislative amendments to *Food & Drugs Act* (F&DA);
- Subcommittee 1 (Drugs, radiopharmaceuticals, and devices): update and seek endorsement of framework from EAWG members;
- Update on Best Management Practices (BMPs) development;
- Update on *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999* (CEPA) review;
- Review of the In Commerce List (ICL) Subcommittee: work achieved, path forward and seek endorsement of ICL Revision Process;
- Subcommittee 2 (Cosmetics): update and seek approval to formalize.

#### Decisions made - June 2008:

- Proposed Regulatory Framework for Ecological Assessment of Medicinal Ingredients in Human and Veterinary Drugs presented by Subcommittee 1: **endorsed**;
- Scientific and Regulatory Considerations (SARC) document for new substances in cosmetics with the proposed amendments and the formalization of Subcommittee 2: **endorsed**;
- Decision to form Subcommittee 3 – Natural Health Products (NHPs): **endorsed**;
- ICL Revision Process: **endorsed**;
- Proposed teleconference for November 2008;
- EAWG meeting scheduled for February 11 and 12, 2009.

#### General update & discussions:

- Scientific and Regulatory Considerations (SARC) documents pending for National Health Products (NHPs) and Novel Foods and Additives;
- Nominations have been solicited for the NHPs subcommittee;
- Novel Foods and Additives: no action to form a subcommittee;
- EAWG linkages to Bill C-51;
- Overview of the draft SARC for NHPs;
- Update on CEPA Review including the recognition of the ICL;
- Presentation of the draft Best Management Practices for the disposal of pharmaceuticals.