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# Letter to Minister Wilkinson and Minister Hajdu: Add “Plastic Manufactured Items” to Schedule 1 of CEPA



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Dear Minister Wilkinson and Minister Hajdu:

**Re: Add “Plastic Manufactured Items” to Schedule 1 of CEPA**

The undersigned organizations are writing to urge the government to address plastic pollution in Canada without further delay.

We ask the government to list “plastic manufactured items”<sup>1</sup> on Schedule 1 of *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA) by the end of February 2021. With public consultations complete on the *Proposed Integrated Management Approach to Plastic Products to Prevent Waste and Pollution*, the listing on Schedule 1 should be followed with the swift release of proposed regulations to ban unnecessary plastic products and eliminate plastic waste.

Immediate action on plastics is necessary. The government’s Science Assessment on Plastic Pollution, referenced in the Regulatory Impact Assessment Statement, confirmed that plastic pollution is widespread in Canada, causing a range of adverse effects on wildlife and ecosystems. Furthermore, there is strong public support for federal action. Recent polling found that 95 per cent of Canadians are concerned about plastic pollution and 86 per cent support a federal ban on single-use plastics. Every day Canada fails to act, another 7,900 tonnes of plastic waste end up in our landfills and environment.

Many countries have already passed legislation to address plastic pollution. We are concerned delays in listing “plastic manufactured items” on Schedule 1 of CEPA, will jeopardize Canada’s leadership in addressing the growing plastic pollution crisis.

We look forward to your response to listing “plastic manufactured items” to Schedule 1 of CEPA in the coming weeks. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed order adding “plastic manufactured items” to Schedule 1 was published in Canada Gazette, Part I, Volume 154, Number 41: Order Adding a Toxic Substance to Schedule 1 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, October 10, 2020

Yours truly,



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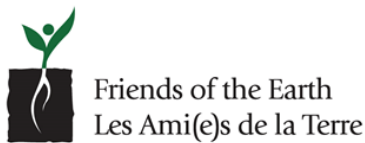
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