

# EPR & PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP:

## A Cross-Canada Overview

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# TODAY'S AGENDA



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF WASTE DIVERSION IN CANADA

Industrial  
revolution

First Blue  
Box  
program

Stewardship  
& EPR



# PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP VS. EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)?

Product Stewardship	EPR
Allocate responsibility to provincial/territorial or municipal governments	Allocate responsibility to producers
Consumer fees or government fund program	Producers fund program



# TYPES OF PROGRAMS IN CANADA

**Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP)**

**Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE)**

**Hazardous and Special Products (HSP)**

**Batteries**

**Lighting**

**Beverage Containers**

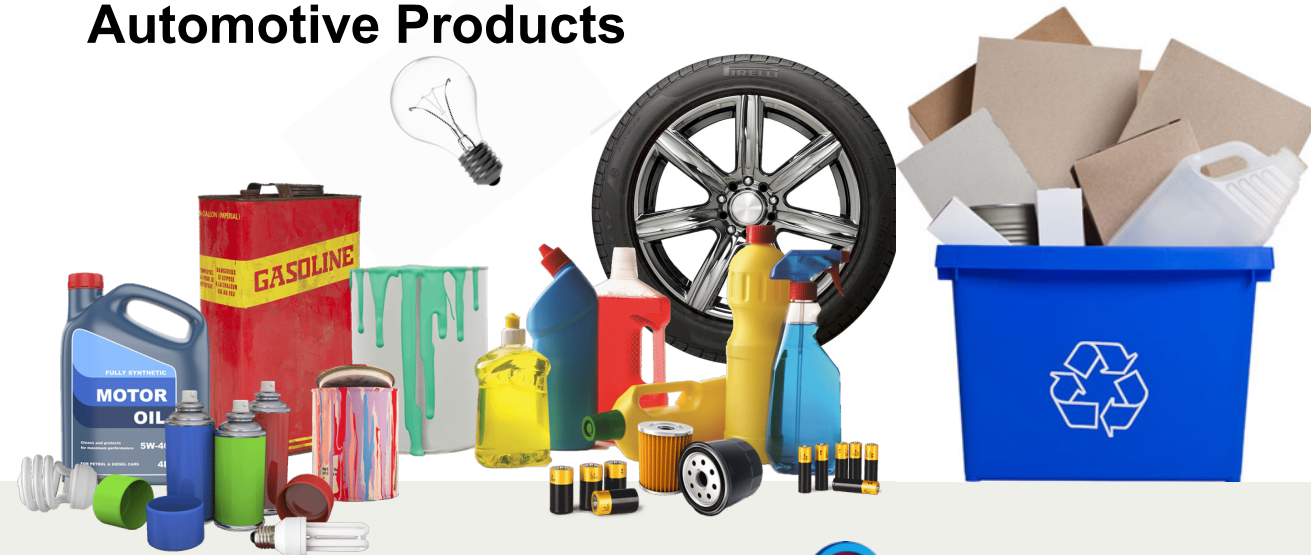
**Tires**

**Pharmaceuticals & Medical Sharps**

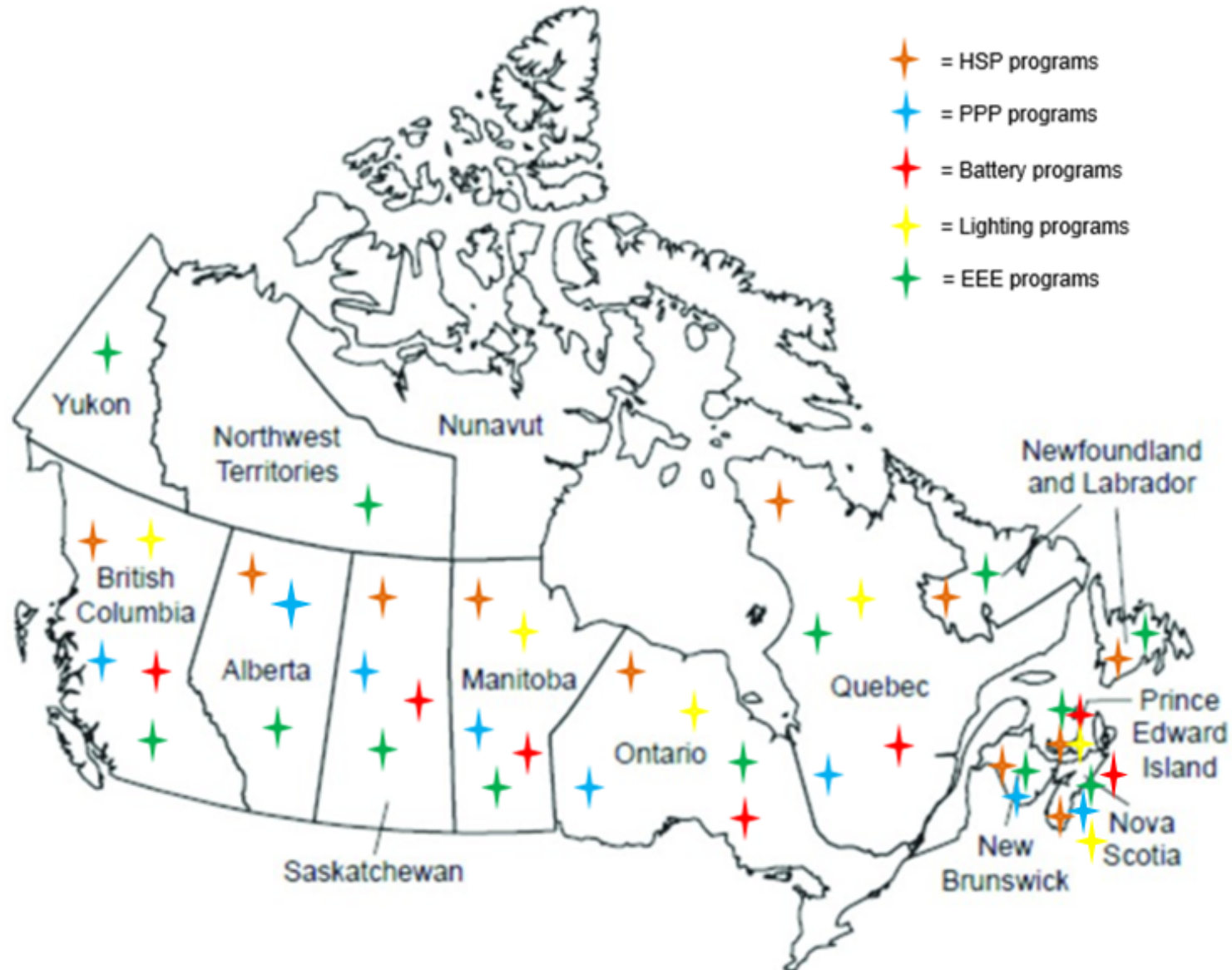
**Agricultural Products**

**Automotive Products**

**And more...**



# WHERE ARE THE MAIN PROGRAMS?



# OBLIGATIONS

How is the obligated steward/producer determined?

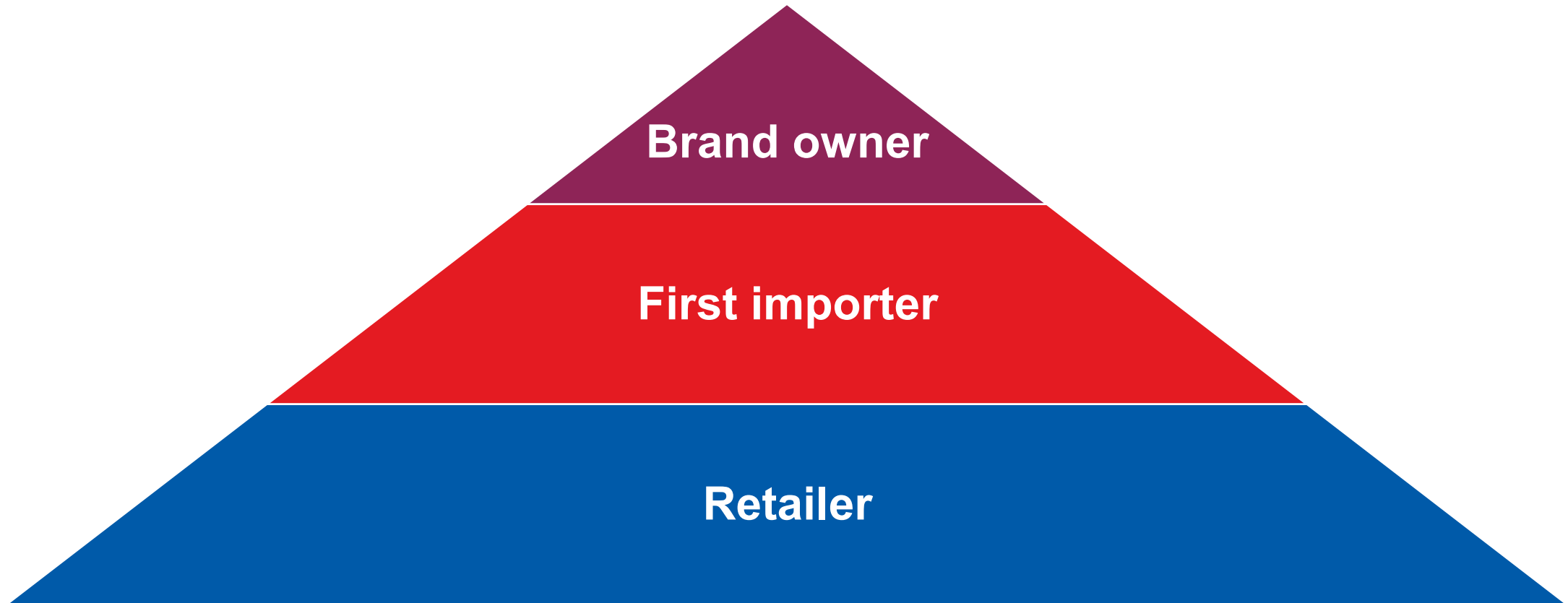


**Some programs/jurisdictions** – obligations are determined by a clear hierarchy based on “residency”



In other cases, determination of obligated entity is less defined, more than one entity may meet the criteria

# CONSIDERATIONS FOR DIRECT SELLERS



# ENFORCEMENT

**NON-COMPLIANCE**

**COMMUNICATION-BASED APPROACH**  
(i.e., warnings/notices)

**FAILURE TO RESPOND/REFUSAL TO COMPLY**

**ENFORCEMENT**  
(i.e., monetary penalties,  
fines & prosecution)



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Alberta	Date
EPR program for PPP	April 1, 2025
EPR program for HSP	April 1, 2025



Nova Scotia	Date
EPR program for small household electric appliances	June 1, 2024
EPR program for lighting and lamps	August 1, 2024
EPR program for PPP and other blue bag materials	December 1, 2025
EPR program for batteries	January 1, 2025

# PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPMENT

Newfoundland and Labrador	Progress to Date
EPR program for PPP	Phase 2 Consultation on implementation of EPR
Yukon	Progress to Date
EPR program for PPP, HSP and automotive waste	Amendments to <i>Environment Act</i> passed to let Yukon develop EPR programs
Northwest Territories	Progress to Date
EPR programs	Amendments to the <i>Waste Reduction and Recovery Act</i> passed to let NWT develop EPR programs



<https://www.recyclecartons.ca/newsletter/ontario-blue-box-reform-heres-what-the-pros-are-up-to/>

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Canada wide trend towards EPR and away from stewardship.**
- **Trend for programs to cover an expanding number of products across Canada.**
- **Trend for new programs to obligate Canadian resident companies.**
- **Several upcoming programs and programs in development to look out for in the next two years.**



# QUESTIONS?


# THANK YOU



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