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Subject: Consultations on the Human Pathogens and Toxins Act - Request for Expression of Interest / Consultations en vertu de la Loi sur les agents pathogènes humains et les toxines - demande d'expression d'intérêt
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As you may be aware, the *Human Pathogens and Toxins Act* (HPTA) was enacted on June 23, 2009. The purpose of the *Act* is to improve and enhance a safety and security regime to protect the health and safety of the Canadian public against risks posed by human pathogens and toxins. The Public Health Agency of Canada (hereinafter PHAC or the Agency) administers the Act through the Pathogen Regulation Directorate (PRD).

The Agency has been given the responsibility of developing a program and regulatory framework for the implementation of the HPTA. This process is being guided by the 2007 *Cabinet Directive on Streamlining Regulations* (CDSR), which requires a comprehensive management approach to regulating with specific requirements for the development, implementation, evaluation and review of regulations. It also requires regulatory agencies to consult with Canadians extensively throughout the regulatory development process.

As such, PHAC has designed a comprehensive consultation process to be carried out from the fall of 2011 to 2014 to provide affected and interested parties with multiple engagement opportunities at all stages of the regulatory development process that will support the HPTA. The consultation approach is informed by input and feedback received during face-to-face preliminary discussions with each province and territory in 2010, and electronically with sixteen national associations.

Consultations will comprise both in-person sessions and electronic engagement activities. In fall 2011/winter 2012, PRD will conduct 10-12 one-day in-person consultation sessions across Canada in major cities. In order to ensure that all interested and affected parties have the opportunity to genuinely participate, PRD will also develop and host a series of electronic engagement sessions for winter 2012. These will mirror the in-person workshops and will to allow additional input from stakeholders at their convenience. Also, interested parties can submit questions, comments and concerns to the HPTA Consultation Secretariat via email at hpta.lapht.consultations@phac-aspc.gc.ca at any time.

The following Key Elements will be the foundation of the HPTA consultations and corresponding regulatory, program and policy development.

- **Inventory** requirements;
- **Licensing;**
- Functions and qualifications of **biosafety officers;**
- **Security requirements** for those working with Risk Group 3 or 4 human pathogens or prescribed toxins; and
- The development of an **exposure reporting and prevention program**.

You have been identified as a key stakeholder in the HPTA consultation process. In order to best plan our approach, we are seeking your feedback in regards to your preferred method of consultation. Please indicate your preference below:

In-person (Fall 2011/Winter 2012) _____

Electronic Engagement (Winter 2012) _____

Also, kindly complete the following template to ensure the accuracy of your contact information in our database:

Full name:

Email:

Phone number:

Organization:

Role:

Mailing Address:

Language of choice for further communications:

English ___ French ___ No preference ___

Space for Comments:

Please respond with comments and updated contact information to Kailey McLachlan (Consultation Lead) via email at kailey.mclachlan@phac-aspc.gc.ca by October 26th. If you would like to speak to Kailey McLachlan directly, please call 613-941-3709. Details in regards to consultation sessions will follow in the coming weeks. Additionally, we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in forwarding this email to any of your contacts who may be interested in providing input and/or participating in consultations.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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