

International Pharmaceutical and Sharps EPR Program Fact Sheet

Organizing Body: The Island Medication Return Program (IMRP) and Island Sharps Collection Program (ISCP) are administered by the [Health Product Stewardship Association](#) (HPSA),^{1,2} a non-profit organization funded and governed by the health product industries.³

Program Description: The IMRP and ISCP were created after Prince Edward Island passed the Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations in June of 2014, requiring Brand Owners (Producers) of medical sharps and pharmaceutical products to establish a stewardship program and stating the program requirements that Producers must meet. Under the Regulation, retailers must display education and awareness program information that is supplied to it by the Brand Owner's agent. The programs are set to launch on June 1, 2015.^{1,2}

Funding: Funding from the industry will cover expenses incurred in the collection, transportation, storage, disposal, promotion activities and education in connection with the ISCP and IMRP.^{1,2}

Program Costs: N/A

Program Chronology:

- 1999: The Post-Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association (now called the Health Products Stewards Association) is created and its mandate is to manage unused or expired medications⁴
- June 10, 2014: Prince Edward Island passed the [Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations](#) under the Environmental Protection Act, requiring Brand Owners (Producers) of medical sharps and pharmaceutical products to establish a stewardship program and stating the program requirements that Producers must meet.^{1,2}
- Program plans for both programs have been approved and will cover a five year period beginning June 1, 2015 through December 31, 2020 after which the program plan will undergo a review.^{1,2}

¹ "Medication Return Program Plan for the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Program", *Health Products Stewardship Association*, last modified December 2014, accessed February 2015, [Web](#), 2, 11, 15.

² "Sharps Collection Program Plan for the Prince Edward Island Medical Sharp Stewardship Program", *Health Products Stewardship Association*, last modified December 2014, accessed February 2015, [Web](#), 2, 11-12, 17.

³ *Health Products Stewardship Association*, accessed February 2015, [Web](#).

⁴ "Industry Stewardship Program Plan." *Post-Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association*, last modified 28 July 2010, accessed February 2015, [Web](#), 3-4.

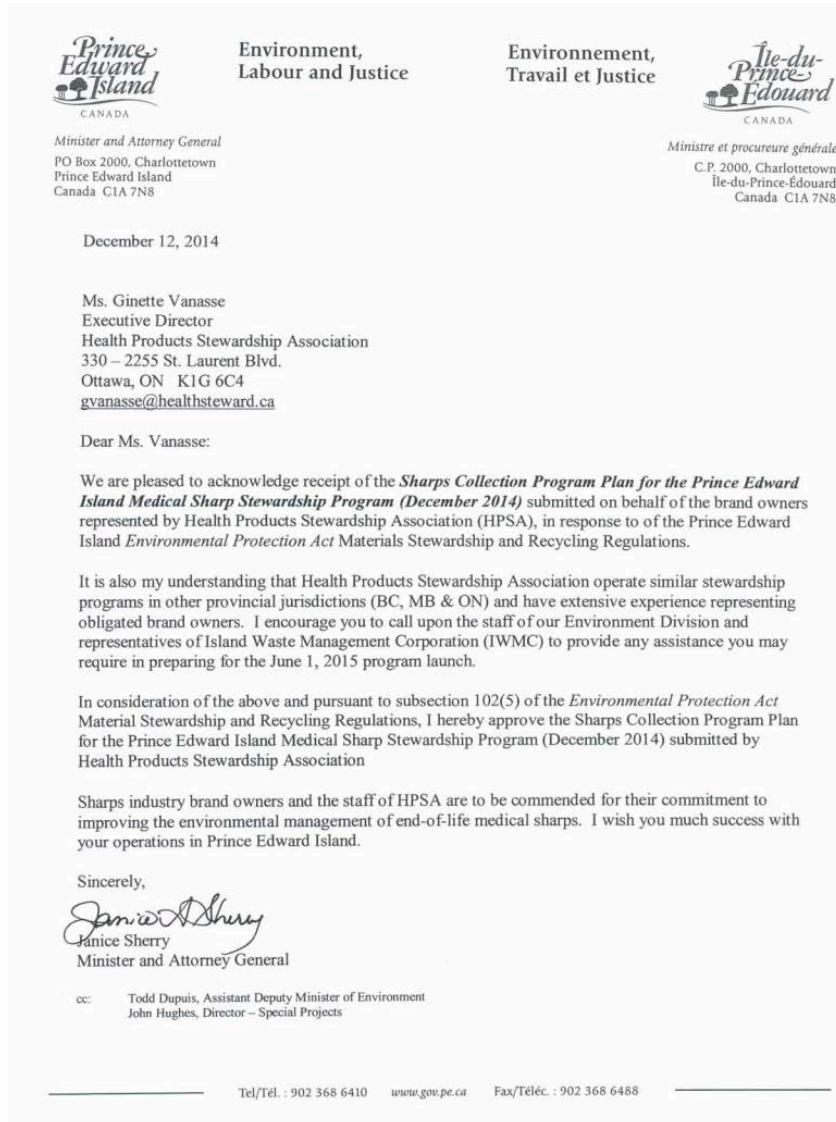
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Collection Locations:

- Under the IMRP, retail pharmacies will voluntarily host collection⁵
- Under the ISCP, retail pharmacies with a public facing dispensary will voluntarily act as collection locations⁶

Results:

N/A



(ISCP Letter of Approval, [Health Products Stewardship Association Website](#))

⁵“Medication Return Program Plan for the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Program”, *Health Products Stewardship Association*, last modified December 2014, accessed February 2015, [Web](#), 11.

⁶“Sharps Collection Program Plan for the Prince Edward Island Medical Sharp Stewardship Program”, *Health Products Stewardship Association*, last modified December 2014, accessed February 2015, [Web](#), 14.

Mission: To shift California’s product waste management system from one focused on government funded and ratepayer financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.