

BLUE BOX TRANSITION UPDATE

Committee of the Whole Electronic

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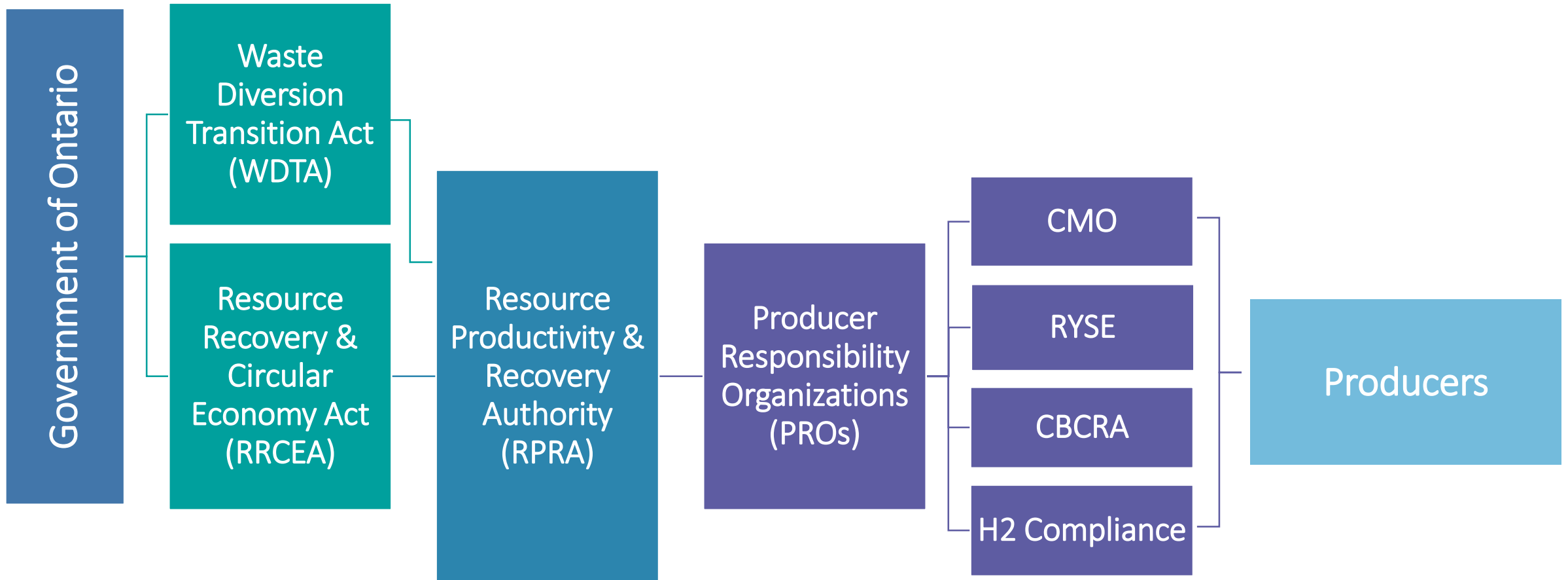


O. REG. 391/21: BLUE BOX

- Transitions the current Blue Box program to full producer responsibility.
- Producers become financially and operationally responsible for managing designated packaging, paper and packaging-like products.
- Details transition of the Blue Box program to producers.



BLUE BOX TRANSITION - ROLES



RESOURCE PRODUCTIVITY & RECOVERY AUTHORITY (RPRA)

About RPRA:

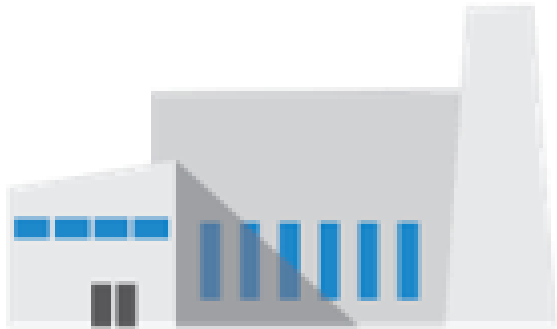
- Provides oversight of Ontario's Blue Box program and its wind-up.
- Carries out compliance and enforcement activities.
- Administers the [Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016](#) (RRCEA) and the [Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016](#) (WDTA), and their associated regulations.



PRODUCERS VS. PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATIONS (PROs)

PRODUCERS

- Any company that supplies products (containing packaging, paper products and packaging-like products) into the Ontario market, including online sales.



PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATION (PRO)

- A business established to contract with producers to help them meet their regulatory obligations under the Blue Box Regulation.
- Each Producer decides which PRO to join.



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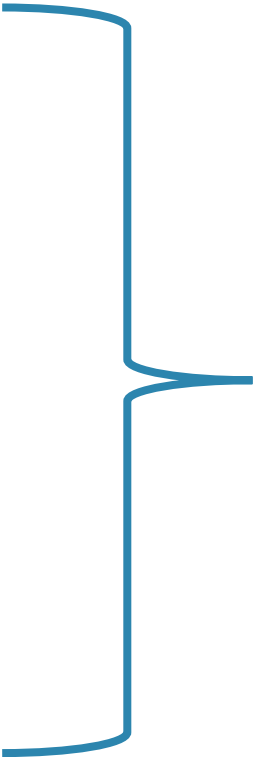
PRODUCERS



PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATION (PRO)



CIRCULAR
MATERIALS



PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATIONS (PROS)



Circular Materials Ontario (CMO)

As the majority PRO in Ontario, CMO is responsible for the Common Collection System.



Ryse Solutions (Ryse)

A multi-material PRO that is a division of Emterra Group.



Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association (CBCRA)

Intent is to capture beverage containers through their public-facing Recycle Everywhere program.



H2 Compliance Inc.

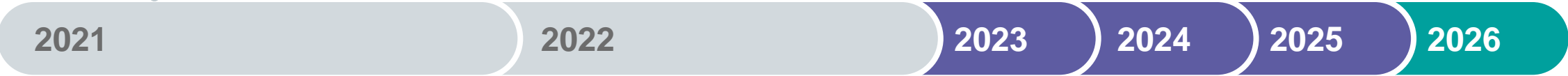
Provider of environmental and chemical compliance solutions

Blue Box Transition Timeline

June 3, 2021
New Blue Box Regulation
O. Reg. 391/21

Transition Period
July 1, 2023 – Dec. 31, 2025
Producers assume responsibility for transitioning communities *on or before* the dates contained in the Blue Box Transition Schedule(s)

Full EPR Begins
January 1, 2026
Collection expanded to all communities outside of Far North and eligible sources not previously serviced by the municipality



Town of Newmarket
transitions Dec. 31, 2025

TRANSITION VS. POST-TRANSITION

TRANSITION

- July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025
- Producers will assume operational and fiscal responsibility for all Eligible Communities throughout the Transition Period on dates provided by the Ministry
- Eligible communities can choose to negotiate with CMO to continue service delivery or fully divest their responsibility

POST-TRANSITION

- January 1, 2026 & thereafter
- Producers will be fully responsible for operating and financing the Blue Box program in all Ontario municipalities
- Producers will have increased responsibilities and targets

ELIGIBLE SOURCES

- Municipalities with 5,000+ population
- All Ontario communities outside of the Far North
- Single-family homes
- Seasonal dwellings
- Multi-unit residential buildings
- Public and private schools
- Specified retirement and long-term care homes
- Specified public spaces
- All Ontario communities outside the Far North, including First Nation communities

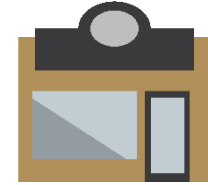


INELIGIBLE SOURCES

- Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (IC&I) locations
- Businesses in BIA areas
- Daycares
- Shelters
- Charitable/not-for-profit organizations
- Municipal facilities and community centres



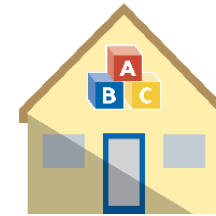
Municipal buildings or facilities
(e.g., libraries, arenas)



Industrial or
commercial properties



Not-for-profit
organizations



Daycare



Places of
worship



Campgrounds and trailer-
parks (without permanent or
seasonal households)



Commercial Farms

DESIGNATED MATERIALS

- Typical “blue box packaging” items made of paper, glass, metal, or plastic
- Single-use products used for consumption and containment (e.g., straws, cutlery, plates, coffee cups, aluminum foil, plastic bag)
- Designated materials will be consistent across Ontario post-transition



N6 WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT & PROPOSED OPTIONS

N6 WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

- Current waste collection contract is shared with the N6
- Expires December 31, 2025
- Option to extend contract for two additional one-year terms



PROPOSED OPTIONS

(FOR THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET & N6)

1. Issue procurement documents in Q4 of 2023 for a new collection contract to begin in January 2026.

Or

2. Exercise available extension options and amend the current contract to remove Blue Box collection services.

NEXT STEPS



1. Not pursuing CMO's RFP for residence and facility collection of Blue Box materials post-transition.

2. Extend the current waste contract and negotiate the removal of Blue Box collection services.

3. Report back to Council on ineligible sources and a proposed approach regarding post-transition recycling collection.

A row of blue recycling bins is shown from a slightly elevated perspective. A white semi-transparent banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "THANK YOU" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. The bins are arranged in a line, and some have identification numbers like "106", "10045", and "10040" printed on them. The background is a light, neutral color.

THANK YOU