

Triclosan is used in many everyday products, such as cosmetics, hand soap, body wash, toothpaste, detergents, all-purpose cleaners, etc., to kill bacteria and prevent mildew. The federal government recently published for consultation a draft of its [Pollution Prevention Plan for triclosan](#).

The plan would require Canadian businesses that were importing and/or manufacturing triclosan-containing products in 2011 to develop corporate plans to ensure a reduction by 30% from 2011 levels. Those reductions would have to be reported for a minimum of 5 years following the implementation date.

This plan will only apply to businesses still marketing triclosan-containing products when the final version of the federal Pollution Prevention Plan is published. The publication is scheduled for Q4 2018 or early 2019. This means that a company that no longer sells such products at the date of publication will not have to report any reduction in the quantity of triclosan.

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