

PLASTICS DIVISION

Representing the Nation's Plastics Value-Chain

ABOUT CIAC'S PLASTICS DIVISION

The Chemistry Industry Association of Canada's (CIAC) Plastics Division speaks for plastic manufacturers in Canada. Representing a **\$28 billion industry**, and accounting for **over 93,000 jobs**, we advocate on behalf of the Canadian plastics value-chain from resin producers and raw material suppliers to processors, converters, recyclers, and brand owners.


The Plastics Division consists of **more than 100 members** and continues to grow; our members span the entire country with key concentrated presence in Ontario, Québec, Alberta, and British Columbia.

CIAC's Plastics Division is dedicated to representing Canada's plastics industry and advancing sustainable solutions for the development of a circular economy for plastics. We are focused on promoting responsible plastic production while working towards reducing and eliminating plastic pollution from the environment, all in support of a robust Canadian economy.

CIAC members have ambitious targets that underscore a commitment to a future without plastic pollution:

by **2040** 100% of plastics packaging being **reused, recycled, or recovered.**

by **2030** 100% of plastics packaging being **recyclable or recoverable.**

by **2022**  Implementation of Operation Clean Sweep, an international plastic stewardship program aimed at eliminating the escape of plastic pellets from industry operations, with a focus on **preventing leakage into rivers and oceans.**

OUR PRIORITIES:

Developing a Circular Economy for Plastics

While plastics play an important part in our economy, we recognize that they do not belong in landfills or the environment. Canada's plastics industry and its highly skilled workers are uniquely positioned to provide innovative solutions to avoid and extract value from plastic waste. We support the transition from a linear economy to a circular model - one that prioritizes the extension of product life-cycles, extracting maximum value from resources in and after use. Implementing a circular economy for plastics will enable society to sustain economic growth while improving the environment for future generations, as we strive to use products and resources in the best way possible without loss in performance or increase in environmental life-cycle impact.

Public Affairs, Communications, and Government Advocacy

A strong, consistent voice that represents CIAC's Plastics Division at all levels of government is crucial

for the country to have a responsible, thriving plastics industry. We work hard to communicate with all levels of governments and advocate for effective, collaborative ways to address issues facing our industry. Our advocacy focuses on improving and standardizing waste collection and diversion, promoting technological innovation, and ensuring that science and a life-cycle management approach remains at the core of government decision-making.

Promoting Canada's Competitive Advantage

The demand for plastics will continue to grow for the foreseeable future and Canada has distinct advantages over many other countries including access to abundant low-carbon energy resources such as natural gas feedstock, a skilled, well-educated labour force, and attractive investment opportunities. CIAC's Plastics Division is dedicated to promoting these advantages and ensuring that investments in chemistry and plastics are an important part of any economic growth and recovery agenda.

CIAC Plastics Division Members have embraced Operation Clean Sweep (OCS). This international program is designed to eliminate pellet, flake and powder loss, and the potential introduction of plastics to the marine environment where they create both a litter issue and a threat to sea and wildlife.



REASONS TO JOIN CIAC'S PLASTIC DIVISION...

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

Plastics are an integral part of our modern, sustainable way of life and the plastics industry is an important part of Canada's economy. The plastics industry needs an experienced organization to champion and advocate for the responsible production and use of plastics—CIAC's Plastic Division is that organization.

As stewards of Operation Clean Sweep, CIAC Plastics Division's plastic pellet stewardship program, we demonstrate our commitment to sustainability. Our members are committed to taking action to improve the sustainability of their operations and reduce harm throughout the entire life-cycle of their products.

The ethics and principles of Operation Clean Sweep are the foundation upon which our Division operates, influencing the decisions our member companies make every day. Implementing Operation Clean Sweep is a condition of membership in the CIAC Plastics Division.

JOIN THE CIAC PLASTICS DIVISION

Is your organization ready to join the CIAC Plastics Division?

We represent companies with a significant portion of their business taking place in Canada. Our members include resin producers, recyclers, equipment and machinery providers, among others.

Contact us today for more information:

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