WAC 173-900-345 Changing CEP recycling plan participation. (1) After January 1, 2008, no manufacturer may change CEP recycling plans for program year 2009.

(2) For program year 2010 and thereafter, registered CEP manufacturers may change participation in plans if the manufacturer meets the requirements in this section.

The following is the process for changing plan participation:

(3) The plan the manufacturer is joining must, by August 1 prior to the program year for which the change will take effect, submit:

(a) For an existing plan, an update or revision under WAC 173-900-335; or

(b) For a new independent plan, a plan that meets the requirements of WAC 173-900-310.

(4) Ecology will review the plan under the process described in WAC 173-900-325 or 173-900-335, as appropriate. If approved, ecology will send notice, via certified mail, to:

(a) The manufacturer requesting the change; and

(b) The authorized party(ies) and the authority affected by the change.

(5) If ecology does not approve the submitted plan or plan update by January 1 of the program year for which the change was submitted, the change cannot be implemented that program year. Ecology may still review the plan or plan update for approval for the following program year.

(6) Within fourteen days of receiving plan approval notice from ecology, the manufacturer must submit an updated registration form to ecology (see Part II, WAC 173-900-240).

(7) Within sixty days of receiving the notice, the plan the manufacturer left must submit a plan revision to ecology that meets the requirements in WAC 173-900-335.

(8) If an independent plan does not represent five percent market share after the manufacturer leaves the plan, the independent plan has until the end of the following program year to increase participation to represent the five percent market share. If the independent plan does not represent five percent market share at that time, the remaining members will then become members of the standard plan (see WAC 173-900-360).

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