

PRODUCER REGISTRATION PROCEDURE: SINGLE-USE PRODUCTS, PACKAGING AND PAPER PRODUCTS





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INTRODUCTION

Alberta's new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation places full responsibility on producers of residential Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products (PPP) packaging and paper products to collect and manage the materials they supply to Alberta residents. While communities may continue to play an important role in collecting these materials the recycling system, they are not required to do so.

To facilitate this shift in responsibilities and to ensure a smooth transition, producers need to understand the materials they introduce into the system and meet the material management obligations under the new legislation. This information will also allow Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) to ensure producer compliance.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This document outlines the procedure for registering as a Producer as defined in the EPR Regulation. This procedure focuses on the registration for in the PPP program. A separate guide is available for producers looking to register for in the Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All PPP Producers, unless exempt under section 9.1 of the Extended Producer Responsibility Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products Bylaws, must register with ARMA, at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date the Producer intend to supply PPP Designated Materials into Alberta.

PPP Producers are defined within the regulation as:

- 1. The brand holder of the designated material, if the brand holder is resident in Canada,
- 2. If there is no person described in clause (a), the importer of the designated material, if the importer is resident in Alberta, or
- If there is no person described in clause (a) or (b), the retailer who supplied the designated material to the consumer.

Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) can report on behalf of the Producers they represent. However, each Producer must be registered separately.



REGISTRATION PROCESS

The figure below outlines the registration process. A detailed guide to create an account in ARMA Connect is available in Appendix A. Registration steps are also available within Appendix B if you are having trouble navigating ARMA Connect. The registration process is the same for both PPP and HSP programs.



TIMELINES:

PPP Registration Timeline

For the PPP portion of the EPR program, there are two (2) phases of collection service delivery in Registered Communities. The timeline below outlines the key dates and registration requirements for each phase and what Producers can expect.

Date	Key Milestone	Activity
November 27, 2023	Registration Opens	All Producers may create an account in ARMA Connect and start the registration process.
November 27, 2023 – March 1, 2024	Registration	Producers that who currently supply designated PPP materials into Alberta must register before March 1, 2024, to ensure compliance with the Regulation.
November 27, 2023 – March 1, 2024	Discussions with Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROS)	Producers may choose from a list of registered PROs during the registration process. A PROs may be designated to



Date	Key Milestone	Activity
		perform registration, supply reporting, and/or performance reporting on behalf of a Producer.
April 1, 2024	Verification Report	Producers (on their own or through their PROs) must provide a verification plan to ARMA providing details on the development of the PPP common collection system.
April 1, 2025	Service Commencement - Phase I	Producers are responsible for delivering PPP collection services to Communities that registered prior to December 31, 2023.
October 1, 2026	Service Commencement - Phase II	Producers are responsible for delivering PPP collection services in Phase II Communities.

PRODUCER EXEMPTIONS

Under the EPR Regulation, Producers may be exempt from registration and/or reporting if certain criteria are met. Producers that meet the following exemption criteria must still create an account with ARMA and confirm their exemption status:

- 1. **Charitable Organizations**: registered charities are exempt from registration and reporting requirements.
- Revenue Threshold: if a Producer's annual gross revenue (calendar year) in Alberta is under \$1.5 million, then the Producer is exempt from annual supply and management reporting requirements. Producers who are exempt under these criteria must maintain financial records in the event of an audit.



DESIGNATED MATERIALS & MATERIAL EXEMPTION THRESHOLDS

Under the EPR Regulation, there are five designated material types for which supply and management reporting are required by producers. Each of these designated material types includes a material quantity threshold for exemption from certain obligations. The designated material types and their exemption thresholds are:

1. Material Threshold:

- a. Paper 9 tonnes
- b. Rigid Plastic 2 tonnes
- c. Flexible Plastic 2 tonnes
- d. Metal 1 tonne
- e. Glass 1 tonne)
- 2. Producers that supply PPP under the threshold weights above must report annual supply if one or all material categories are under the weight threshold.
- 3. If a Producer is above the threshold in any designated material category, service and performance obligations apply for all categories.



REQUIRED REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The table below outlines the information required from a Producer or, if a PRO is registering a Producer on the Producer's behalf, a PRO at the time of registration. A step-by-step guide to registration is available in Appendix B.

Data Category	Data Field	Expected Response
Exemption Eligibility	Charitable Organization	Yes/No. If yes, must provide charitable registration number.
	Annual Gross Revenue (by Calendar Year)	Numeric value
General Information	Business Start Date	The date of incorporation for the business.
	First Supply Date	The date PPP designated material is first supplied into the province.
	Designated Materials Supplied into Alberta	Checkboxes to select each PPP designated material that the Producer supplies into the province.
	Franchise Information	Indicate whether the Producer is a franchisee or franchisor.
PRO Delegation	Have you engaged a PRO?	Yes/No.
Selection	PRO Selection	If yes, the PRO can be selected from the list of PROs registered with ARMA.
		In addition to selection a PRO, you can also indicate if the PRO will be reporting Supply and/or Management data on behalf of the Producer.

DATA SECURITY AND PRIVACY

All information related to data security and privacy, including the collection, use, and protection of personal and confidential data, falls under the purview of ARMA's Privacy and Access Policy. This policy outlines principles and practices regarding the handling of sensitive information and your rights as a Registrant.



Key aspects covered in our Privacy and Access Policy include:

- The types of information we collect during the registration process.
- The purpose for which we collect and use your data.
- How we protect your data from unauthorized access or disclosure.
- Your rights regarding personal information, including the right to access, correct, or delete your data.

By registering your organization as a Producer, you acknowledge that you have reviewed and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in our Privacy and Access Policy.

Our commitment to data privacy extends to the responsible handling and retention of your information. Our Data Retention Policy provides guidance on how long we retain different types of data collected during the registration process. This policy ensures that we do not keep your data longer than necessary for the purposes outlined in our Privacy and Access Policy.

Key aspects covered in our Records Retention Policy include:

- The categories of data we retain and the specific retention periods for each.
- The criteria we use to determine the appropriate retention period.
- The methods we employ to securely dispose of data when it is no longer needed.

We encourage you to review our Data Retention Policy to understand how long your data will be retained and the measures we take to protect it during that time.

Your data security and privacy are paramount to us. If you have any questions, concerns, or require further information about our Privacy and Access Policy or Records Retention Policy, please contact us using the contact details in the Support and Assistance section below.

SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this procedure, please contact our EPR team at epr@albertarecycling.ca

We strive to respond to your questions within 24-48 hours upon receipt of your inquiry.

REVISION HISTORY

Version	Date	Author	Description of Changes
1.0	November 21, 2023	Manager, EPR Compliance	Initial draft

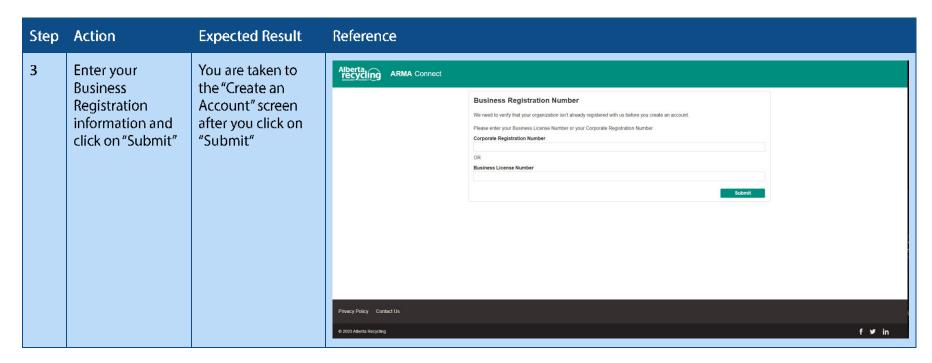


APPENDIX A – ARMA CONNECT ACCOUNT CREATION GUIDE

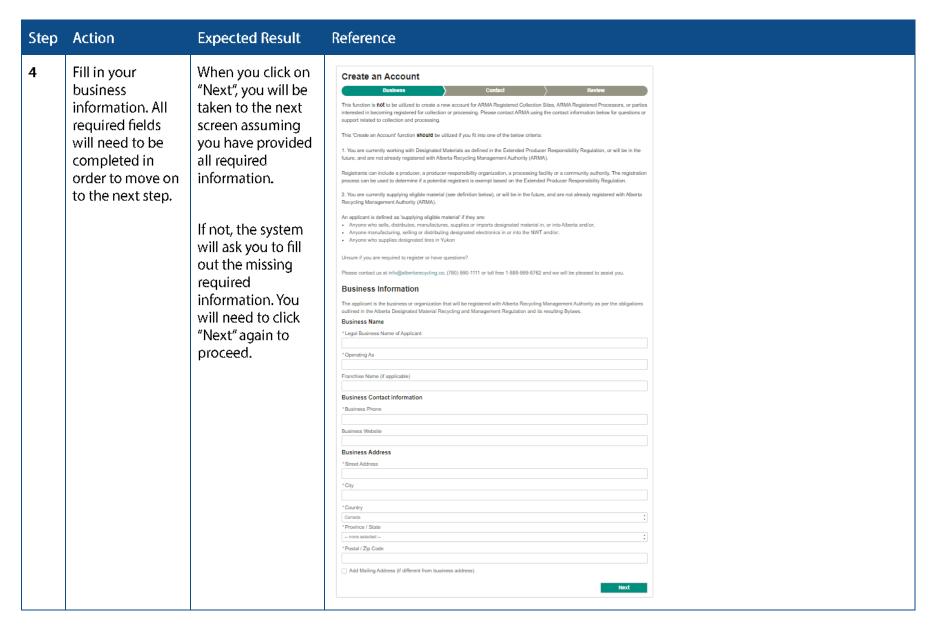
Appendix A provides a step-by-step guide to register on ARMA Connect (the EPR Registry System) for producers that do not currently have an account. For Producers that are registered as a supplier in ARMA's stewardship programs, your organization is likely already registered in ARMA Connect and you can use the same account. Please confirm within your organization prior to creating a new account.

Step	Action	Expected Result	Reference
1	Navigate to the ARMA Connect home page on your web browser. ARMA Connect Address	The ARMA Connect home page loads. You can enter email and password to log-in or create new account.	
2	Click on the "Create Account" link.	You are taken to the first screen of the "Create Account" page.	Albertaing ARMA Connect Log in Fragel five paramet? Cheen Account Phony Polity Confact Us € 2023 Aberta Recycling

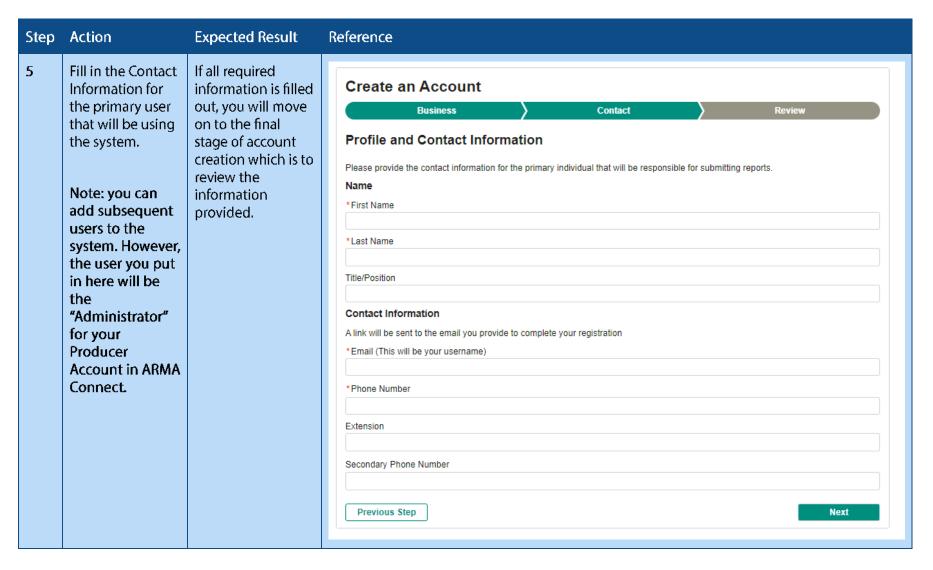




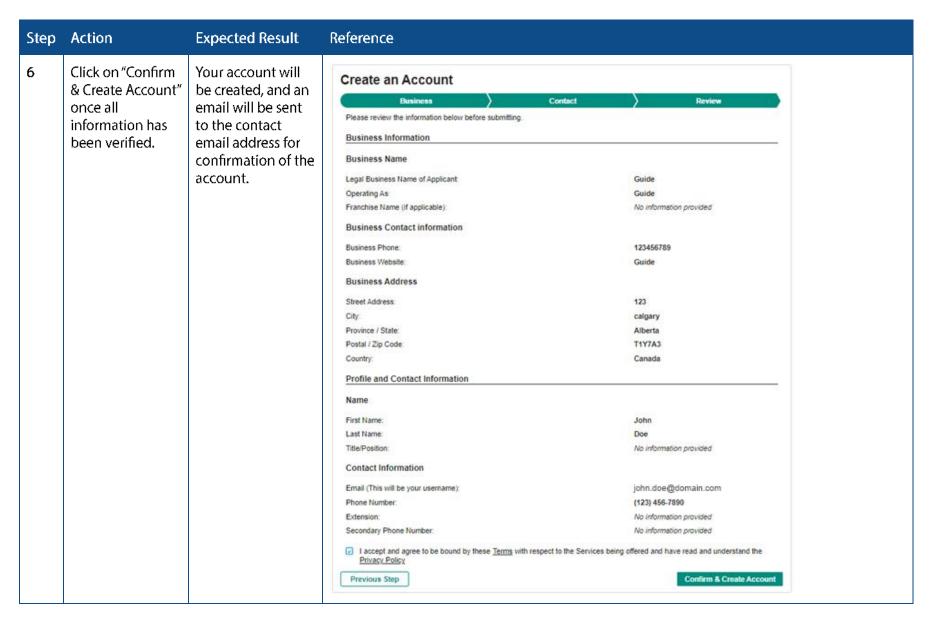












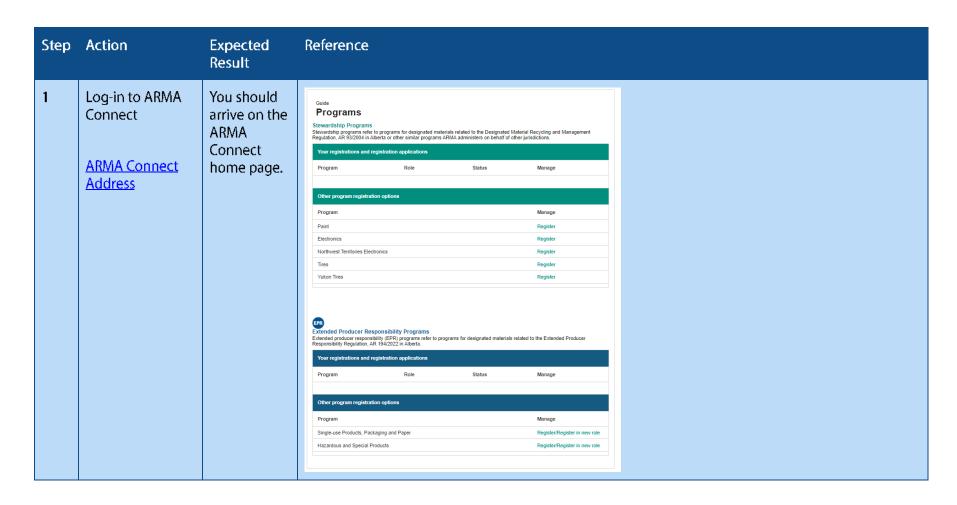


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7	Check your email for the Account Activation email	You should have received an email from ARMA Connect, asking you to set up your password.	Albertained ARMA Connect Hi John, To finish your account creation process please access the link below to setup your password and activate your account. Setup Password Thank you, ARMA Team This email was sent by: Albertained Visit us at: www.albertarecycling.ca Get in touch with us: (780) 990-1111 or toll free 1-888-999-8762 We respect your right to privacy: Privacy Policy
8	Set up your password for your ARMA Connect account.	Once you have set up your password, you can now log-in to ARMA Connect with your email and password.	



APPENDIX B – REGISTRATION GUIDE

Appendix B provides the user with step-by-step instructions for registering as a Producer of PPP program under EPR.





Step	Action	Expected Result	Reference
2	Click on the "Register/Register in new role" link	You will be taken to the	Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products Registration.
	that is under "Other program	role selection page of the	Complete the registration application process for all roles relevant to your business. Each role requires a separate registration application.
	registration options" within the Extended	program registration.	To begin your registration application, review the following role descriptions below and determine which role you are completing the application for.
	Producer Responsibility		As a reminder, if you are participating in the same role in another EPR program (a different designated material stream), you will complete a separate registration application under that program (e.g. HSP).
	Programs section of the home page. Select the corresponding link for the program you are registering in	If you have any questions about what role is applicable to you, please refer to the EPR resources on our website to learn more or contact ARMA if you require assistance.	
			Producer A producer supplies designated materials to consumers intended for residential use, where supply means to manufacture, distribute, sell or otherwise transfer designated materials in or into Alberta.
			Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)
		A producer responsibility organization (PRO) is an organization appointed by a producer to act as an agent on behalf of the producer. Processor	
		orogram you are egistering in	A processor or processing facility is a facility that receives designated materials for recycling, downcycling, treatment or disposal or that is an exporter of designated materials to a jurisdiction outside Alberta for recycling, downcycling, treatment or disposal.
	(PPP or HSP)		<u>Community</u>
	,		A community is a corporation controlled by a municipality within the meaning of section 1(2) of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> , RSA 2000, M-26 or a regional services commission as defined in the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> .
			*What role are you registering as?
			Producer Producer Representation (RRC)
			Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) Processor
			Community
			Previous Step Next



Step	Action	Expected Result	Reference
3	Select "Producer" as the role you are registering as and click on "Next"	You will be taken to a page where you will be asked whether your organization is a registered charity.	Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products Registration. Producer Welcome to the EPR producer registration process. Please take a moment to provide us with some essential information, which will allow us to assist you effectively throughout your registration journey. If you encounter any questions or need assistance at any stage of the registration process, please don't hesitate to reach out to the EPR team at epr@albertarecycling.ca. We are here to help! Charitable Organization. Charitable fund-raising related terms are defined in the Charitable Fund-raising Act, RSA 2000, C-9. The question below references the following specific terms from the Charitable Fund-raising Act: • "charitable organization" means (i) any incorporated or unincorporated organization that is formed for a charitable purpose, or (ii) a person who makes solicitations for contributions to be used for a charitable purpose and who is not connected to any incorporated or unincorporated organization that is formed for the charitable purpose for which the solicitation is made • "charitable purpose" includes a philanthropic, benevolent, educational, health, humane, religious, cultural, artistic or recreational purpose, so long as the purpose is not part of a business *Are you a charitable organization? Yes No Previous Step



Step	Action	Expected Result	Reference
4	Select the applicable answer for your organization and click on "Save & Next"	If you select "yes" you will be asked to provide the charitable organization number.	Victor 5b Producer Test Account 8 Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products Registration. Producer Welcome to the EPR producer registration process. Please take a moment to provide us with some essential information, which will allow us to assist you effectively throughout your registration journey. If you encounter any questions or need assistance at any stage of the registration process, please don't hesitate to reach out to the EPR team at epr@albertarecycling.ca. We are here to help! Charitable Organization. Charitable fund-raising related terms are defined in the Charitable Fund-raising Act, RSA 2000, C-9. The question below references the following specific terms from the Charitable Fund-raising Act: • "charitable organization" means (i) any incorporated or unincorporated organization that is formed for a charitable purpose, or (ii) a person who makes solicitations for contributions to be used for a charitable purpose and who is not connected to any incorporated or unincorporated organization that is formed for the charitable purpose for which the solicitation is made • "charitable purpose" includes a philanthropic, benevolent, educational, health, humane, religious, cultural, artistic or recreational purpose, so long as the purpose is not part of a business *Are you a charitable organization? • Yes No *Please provide your charitable organization number below if yes is selected: Complete this field. Previous Step

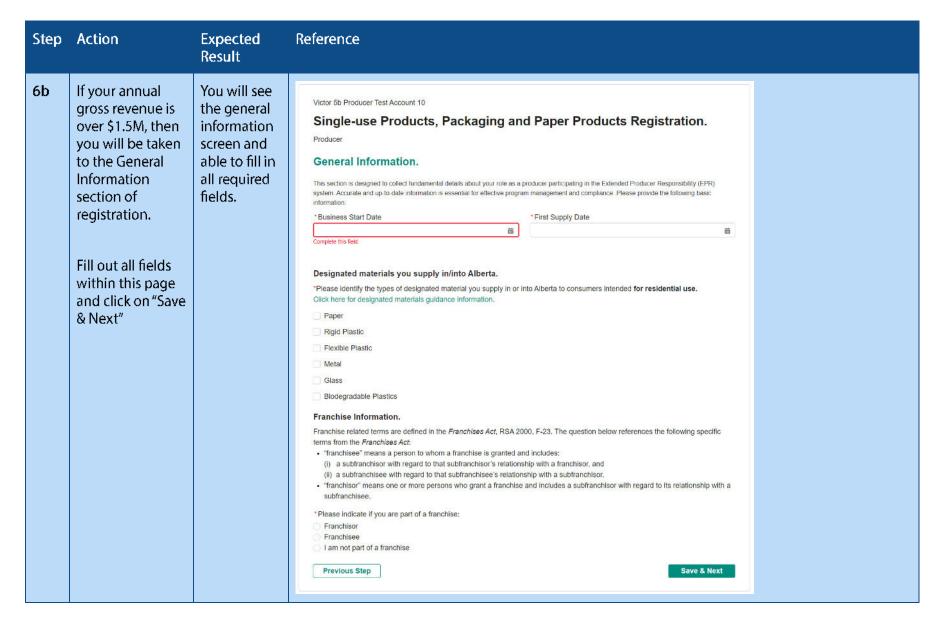


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5	If you are not a registered Charitable Organization, select "no" and click on "Save & Next"	You will be taken to the Annual Gross Revenue page of the program registration.	Victor 5b Producer Test Account 8 Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products Registration. Producer Please provide us with details regarding your annual gross revenue. This data is crucial in order to assess your reporting obligations accurately. Annual Gross Revenue. *What is your annual gross revenue in Alberta in the last calendar year (January 1 to December 31 of the prior year)? This figure should include all general revenues of the organization and should not be limited to only revenue streams associated with the supply of designated materials alone. Complete this field. Previous Step Save & Next



Step	Action	Expected Result	Reference
6a	Enter your organization's annual gross revenue for the previous calendar year and click on "Save & Next".	If the annual gross revenue for your organization is less than \$1.5 million you will be taken to this page.	You are exempt from certain requirements at this time. Given the information provided, you have been deemed as exempt. Per the EPR Regulation and the threshold further set out in the bylaws, you are exempted from certain requirements as a producer in the PPP Program due to your annual gross revenue in Alberta being less than one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in a calendar year. Additionally, you are not obligated to pay fees or participate in the common collection system, but are subject to any record keeping requirements under EPR Regulation and Bylaws. You are required to maintain financial records in accordance with the Bylaws to demonstrate annual gross revenue in Alberta below the identified threshold. Such records must be made available for audit or inspection by ARMA, if requested. If you think that you should be considered, please contact ARMA at 1-888-999-8762 or epr@albertarecycling.ca. Unless exempt, producers shall register annually with ARMA. Your exemption is based on the current information provided. If your business no longer meets the requirements for exemption, it is your responsibility to contact ARMA to review your obligations for registration and reporting. Back to Program Selection







Step	Action	Expected Result	Reference
7	Once you have submitted the general information. The final step to registration is to determine if you are working with PRO(s).	You are taken to the Select a PRO page and indicate if you plan on using PRO(s)	Victor 5b Producer Test Account 10 Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products Registration. Producer As a Producer, you have two options for managing your supplied materials within the EPR system. You can choose to collaborate with a PRO (Producer Responsibility Organization) and become a part of the Common Collection System. Alternatively, you can opt to operate your own Alternative Collection System. If you plan on using an Alternative Collection System that you operate yourself, please select "No" for the question below. Otherwise, please indicate the PRO you will be working with on the following screen.
	Select (Yes)/(No) depending on if you are planning on working with a PRO.		Furthermore, you have the flexibility to delegate your supply and management reporting responsibilities to a PRO if you wish. The following screen will provide you with the option to specify which responsibilities you'd like to delegate. *Will you be working with one or more Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)? Yes No Previous Step Save & Next

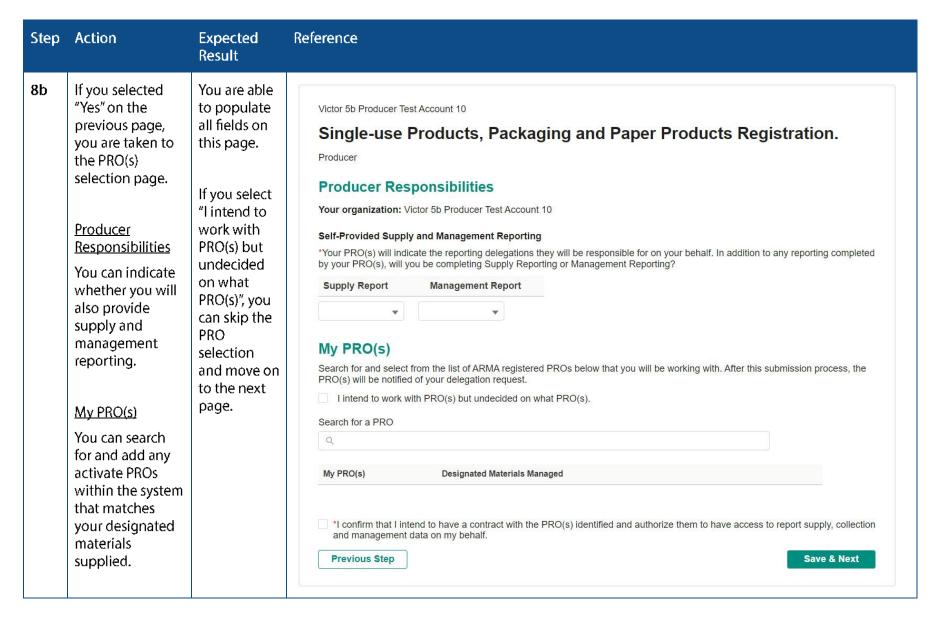


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8a	If you selected "No" on the previous page, you are taken to the registration review page. Review your registration information, indicate you agree with the terms & conditions, and click on "Submit"	You are able to review all information you have submitted, and the information presented is accurate. Upon clicking "Submit" your registration will be submitted.	Victor 5b Producer Test Account 10 Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Producer Review. Please review the information below before submitting. General Information. Charitable Organization: Annual Gross Revenue: Business Start Date: First Supply Date: Designated Materials supply in/into Alberta: Please indicate if you are part of a franchise: PRO Delegation. Will you be working with one or more Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)? Alternative Collection System: "I agree with the terms & conditions. Previous Step	No \$15,000,000.00 Nov 13, 2023 Nov 14, 2023 Paper Franchisor No Yes



Step	Action	Expected Result	Reference	
			Next Step	
			Your registration application will now undergo review and approval.	
			You may also be contacted by ARMA for further information about your application.	
			You will receive an email notifying of your approval status after its review.	
			If you have any questions, please contact ARMA at 1-888-999-8762 or epr@albertarecycling.ca.	
			Back to Program Selection	







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9	Review	You will be taken to the Thank You screen.	Victor 5b Producer Test Account 10 Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Producer Review. Please review the information below before submitting. General Information. Charitable Organization: Annual Gross Revenue: Business Start Date: First Supply Date: Designated Materials supply in/into Alberta: Please indicate if you are part of a franchise: PRO Delegation. Will you be working with one or more Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)? Alternative Collection System: Self-Provided Supply Reporting: Self-Provided Management Reporting: My PRO(s): "I agree with the terms & conditions. Previous Step	No \$15,000,000.00 Nov 13, 2023 Nov 14, 2023 Paper Franchisor Yes No No Poppy PRO Account
			Previous Step	Submit



Step	Action	Expected Result	Reference	
10		Your application is submitted.	Next Step	
			Your registration application will now undergo review and approval.	
			You may also be contacted by ARMA for further information about your application.	
			You will receive an email notifying of your approval status after its review.	
			If you have any questions, please contact ARMA at 1-888-999-8762 or epr@albertarecycling.ca.	
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