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Study Identifies EPR Best Practices



The most successful materials management programs often incorporate a combination of legislative and voluntary strategies, according to a new study of 11 international extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs for [packaging](#).

The report has identified a series of emerging global best practices for packaging EPR and for managing packaging waste.

The report is a culmination of two years of research led by the [Product Stewardship Institute](#) (PSI) in association with the PAC NEXT Policy Best Practices that Support Harmonization Committee.

The report examines the operations of various EPR programs in Canada, Europe and Australia. Based on an initial assessment of the data collected on these programs, PAC NEXT and PSI conclude that the following attributes, when present together, can constitute a high performing EPR program:

- The program covers residential, public, as well as industrial, commercial and institutional (IC+I) sources;
- The program covers all material types (including printed paper);
- The cost per ton is low;
- Collection and recycling rates are high;
- The value and quality of materials are high;
- The program is convenient for residents and others;
- Producers take full responsibility for post-consumer packaging management.

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