



RONA inc. Safer Chemicals Policy

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The RONA inc. Safer Chemicals Policy is intended to inform the public and suppliers of our philosophy and commitments. This policy is applicable to RONA inc. (hereinafter “RONA”).

Chemicals play a major role in people’s daily lives. There has been a growing concern that there are chemicals that can be persistent and build up in the environment and have adverse human and environmental health effects. While regulations are being strengthened, certain concerns remain unregulated. As a responsible corporate citizen, RONA takes product safety and environmental sustainability very seriously. To manage chemicals responsibly, RONA implements this Safer Chemicals Policy through a number of strategic actions and commitments.

Policy

- RONA will continue to adhere to applicable chemical regulations as they are strengthened to restrict chemicals of concern.
- RONA will continue to foster supply-chain relationships and encourage suppliers to disclose chemicals to RONA to better understand chemicals in the products and packaging RONA sells and how they impact product and environment.
- RONA will strive to protect the health of RONA customers, employees, and environment by systematically identifying, reducing, and eliminating chemicals of concern and substituting them with safer alternatives wherever commercially feasible.
- RONA will actively drive the identification and availability of safer alternatives to its entire operations, including RONA stores and offices.
- RONA will continuously improve its engagement with supply chain partners to ensure requirements are understood and acted upon in a reasonable timeframe.
- RONA will strive to enhance consumer confidence in the products RONA sells in Canada through making available an increasing number of eco-products that incorporate safer chemicals.
- RONA will review this chemical policy at least on an annual basis and report progress in its annual corporate responsibility report.



Action Plan

To support this chemical policy, RONA will take several actions to ensure progress:

- RONA will develop a framework to systematize the process of assessing chemicals and managing chemical risks. Chemical risks can be managed in several ways and may include requiring disclosure of chemicals in RONA’s products, reducing or eliminating toxic chemicals from RONA’s products or packaging, better educating consumers on product safety, and/or driving innovation by encouraging suppliers to transition to safer alternatives and green chemistry solutions.
- RONA will take a collaborative approach to understand and manage chemicals in the products RONA sells, including utilizing inputs from third-party subject matter experts, internal and external stakeholders, supply chain partners, and consumers. RONA will also continue to partner with credible NGOs, associations and industry partners to stay informed of current concerns.

RONA is committed to evolving and improving these action plans to ensure continuous improvement over time.

Commitments

Product Category	Commitment
Flooring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All vinyl flooring is free of ortho-phthalates. • All indoor wall-to-wall carpet is free of triclosan, organotins, ortho-phthalates, vinyl chloride, nonylphenol ethoxylates, coal fly ash, formaldehyde, added heavy metals. • All indoor residential carpet and rugs are free of PFAS chemicals.
Insulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All fiberglass insulation products are free of brominated flame retardants, halogenated flame retardants, antimony trioxide, formaldehyde, and added heavy metals.
Lawn & Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All our on-shelf pesticides and live goods are free of neonicotinoid pesticides.
Paint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All paint remover products are free of methylene chloride and N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone (NMP). • All interior and exterior water-based wall paints are free of triclosan, isocyanates, formaldehyde, lead and heavy metals.
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All fabric protection sprays are free of PFAS chemicals.