Notice: Consultation on *Regulations Amending the Cannabis Regulations* (Flavours in Cannabis Extracts)

There has been a rapid rise in youth vaping in Canada. This trend is not unique to nicotine or non-nicotine containing vaping products; it has been observed in cannabis vaping products, which are an increasingly popular consumption method for youth (individuals under 18 years of age) and young adults (individuals 18-24 years of age). Health Canada has identified the availability of flavours as one of the factors that has contributed to the increase in cannabis vaping among youth and young adults. To mitigate against the public health risks associated with this trend, Health Canada is proposing targeted amendments to the *Cannabis Regulations* to restrict the use of flavours in inhaled cannabis extracts (e.g., cannabis vaping products).

On June 19, 2021, Health Canada published proposed amendments to the *Cannabis Regulations* restricting flavours in cannabis extracts in the <u>Canada Gazette</u>, <u>Part I</u>. For a plain language summary of the proposal, please refer to the Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement that accompanies the proposed amendments.

Health Canada is seeking feedback on the draft regulations **from June 19, 2021 to September 2, 2021.** All input received through the public consultation will inform development of the final Regulations.

The Government will continue to work closely with Indigenous leaders, organizations and communities across the country to ensure that the specific interests of Indigenous peoples are carefully considered in the implementation of the *Cannabis Act* and its regulations. Health Canada welcomes the views of Indigenous peoples with respect to restricting flavours in cannabis extracts.

You can participate in the consultation on these draft regulations by:

- Completing an online questionnaire; or
- Sending a written submission by email to <u>cannabis.consultation@canada.ca</u>.

For more information or to access the online questionnaire, please go to the <u>consultation profile page</u> on Canada.ca