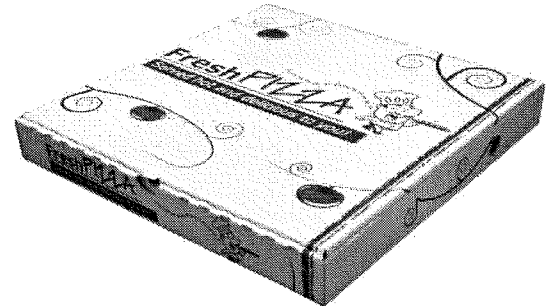


# How much will BC's new recycling regulations cost you?



Beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, if your business introduces any packaging or printed paper into the BC consumer marketplace, new laws require you to **measure all of it by weight, and pay a fee to a privately-owned Ontario-based company called Multi-Material BC ("MMBC")**. This company is governed by big multi-national corporations, and has the right to fine you and raise their fees without government oversight.

MMBC warned businesses they must comply or risk a **\$200,000 fine!** Would you sign over a blank cheque to MMBC?

The BC government has not consulted with small business on this program—it's time your voice was heard.

**To:** Hon. Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia  
 Hon. Mary Polak, Minister of Environment

**c/o:** Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

My business cares about the environment, but proposed regulations are ineffective, costly, and my business cannot afford new red tape.

I will not write a blank cheque to MMBC.

I do not have a "legal and/or regulatory affairs department".

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

### Examples of service packaging

- ✓ Food wraps provided by bakeries and delis
- ✓ Flower boxes and planter pots
- ✓ Disposable plates and cups provided to residential consumer at point of sale to facilitate the delivery of food and beverages
- ✓ Take-out and home delivery food service packaging such as pizza boxes, cups, bags, cartons, wraps and trays
- ✓ Prescription bottles filled by pharmacists
- ✓ Envelopes for developed photographs
- ✓ Gift wrapping or tissue added to a product by a retailer
- ✓ Bags filled at the shelves with bulk goods, produce and baked goods
- ✓ Paper or plastic carry-out bags provided at checkout and provided by retailers

Source: *A Guide to Help Businesses Meet Their Recycling Obligations in British Columbia*, MMBC, p.14

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