

7.0 AMENDING THE MODEL CLASS SCREENING REPORT

7.1 Introduction

The amending procedure for the MCSR will allow for modifications after experience has been gained with its operation and effectiveness. Reasons for modification may include:

- clarification of ambiguous areas of the document and procedures;
- modifying the planning process in areas where problems may have arisen;
- minor modifications and revisions to the scope of the assessment to reflect new or changed regulatory requirements, policies or standards; or
- extensions of the application of the MCSR to projects that were not previously included but are analogous to projects included in the class definition.

PFRA will take note of improvements that could be made to the MCSR as it is used until March 31, 2007. If deemed necessary, an amendment will be proposed.

7.2 Procedures for Amending the Model Class Screening Report

PFRA has authority to amend the CSPR where the amendment relates to administrative procedures internal to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

PFRA may discuss proposed changes to the MCSR with The Agency, affected federal authorities and public groups. PFRA will submit proposed changes, the amended MCSR and the rationale for the modifications to The Agency and one of the following will take place.

Amend the MCSR

The Agency will review the proposed changes and, if they are consistent with the requirements of the *CEA Act*, will accept the changes and add the amended document to The Agency's public registry when the proposed modifications:

- are minor;
- represent editorial changes intended to clarify or improve the screening process;
- do not materially alter either the scope of the projects subject to the MCSR or the scope of assessment required for these projects; or
- reflect new or changed regulatory requirements, policies or standards.

Amend the MCSR with Conditions

The Agency may accept the amended document with conditions and add the report to the public registry while not changing the declaration period.

Re-Declare the MCSR

Following the requirements of Section 19 of the *CEA Act* and after consulting with the RA, The Agency may re-declare the report for the remaining balance of the declaration period or for a new declaration period when:

- the proposed amendments are considered to be substantial;
- the proposed amendments represent modifications to the scope of the projects subject to the class or to the scope of the assessment required for these projects.