

## Information on Pool and Hot Tub Chemicals

All swimming pool and spa chemicals that control microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses or algae are regulated under the authority of the Pest Control Products Act (PCPA). This Act is administered by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada. Swimming pool and spa chemicals which do not control microorganisms and/or algae are not subject to regulation under the PCPA.

### Summary:

Some chemicals can be "scheduled" which means that the product is a domestic product and conforms to a pre-approved standard and meets the PMRA's requirement for safety and efficacy. Other chemicals must be "registered" where the chemical is a commercial class product and contains certain active ingredients. These chemicals must be labelled as "scheduled" or registered under the Pest Control Products Act (PCPA).

Devices which generate a sanitizer and/or which control algae require registration. These devices must be labelled with a PCPA registration number.

For more information visit the web site at:

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/index-eng.php>



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