The following chart is a process map outlining key steps in protecting Confidential Business Information (CBI) under the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act (HMIRA).


2. Health Canada (HC) Preliminary Review: Application package complete?
   - NO
   - YES

3. HC issues HMIRA Registry Number (RN), Date of Filing.

4. HC Full Assessment: Valid CBI claim and compliant SDS/label?
   - NO
   - YES

4b. HC issues decision and publishes it in the Canada Gazette. HMIRA RN granted and Date of Decision.

6. Claimant reviews CD, and may amend the claim and/or comment on findings of non-compliances.

5. HC issues Consultation Document (CD) to share findings of full assessment.
   - NO
   - YES

7. HC Full Assessment: Valid CBI claim and compliant SDS/label?
   - NO
   - YES

8. HC issues Statement of Decision (SoD) – details non-compliances and corrective measures.

9. Claimant submits revised SDS/label and signed Compliance Undertaking Declaration.

10. HC Full Assessment: Valid CBI claim and compliant SDS/label?
    - NO
    - YES

11. HC issues Confirmation of Compliance Undertaking.

12. HC publishes Notice of Decision (NoD) in the Canada Gazette.

If voluntary compliance is not achieved within the allotted timeframe, Health Canada will issue orders under the HMIRA. Claimants have the option to either appeal any decisions made, or to stop the import or sale of their product into Canada. Health Canada may also issue orders for corrective measures relating to the validity of the claim if it is found not to be fully valid. These orders are published in the Canada Gazette.