

2000.05 MONITORING DIXON IN ANIMAL FEED AND THE EFFECT ON HUMAN HEALTH

Whereas: Dioxin is a highly toxic and persistent environmental chemical which accumulates in biological tissue due to its chemical stability and its ability to dissolve in fat; and

Whereas: humans are at the top of the aquatic and terrestrial food chains and it is estimated that 90% of human exposure to Dioxin is through their diet starting with babies ingesting Dioxin in-utero and after birth through mother's milk; and

Whereas: increasing evidence of this extremely toxic, bio-accumulative substance is appearing in dairy, beef and pork products as a result of Dioxin contaminated animal feed, some containing processed citrus pulp and other raw materials taken from soils exposed to toxic waste run-off; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to:

- a. **acknowledge and inform the general public that the danger of exposure to Dioxin in foods, even in small doses, goes beyond the present into the future, since it is cumulative in fat tissues and is passed on to future generations; and**
- b. **ban the import and prohibit the use of animal feed contaminated with Dioxin; and protect Canada's food supply by controlling imported dairy and meat products and their by-products to ensure that they are below the allowable limit for Dioxin; and**
- c. **promote the certification of safe products that are within the allowable limits for Dioxin; and**
- d. **make use of the abundance of research material available on Dioxins including the study of baby teeth as a bio-marker of Dioxin exposure so as to ascertain the presence of Dioxin in the population in order to develop methods to prevent further exposure.**