



What is the new regulation in Canada for window coverings?

The Corded Window Coverings Regulations: SOR/2019-97 (CWCR) were released in April of 2019 and are intended to substantially change the rules regarding cords and small parts on corded window coverings. You can read the regulation [here](#).

When does this take effect?

May 1, 2022.

What changes were made?

The CWCR severely limits the length and pull force of any cord on a product. Essentially any free hanging cord or tethered cord cannot be longer than 22 cm. Any cord that is longer, such as inner cords, cannot produce a loop larger than 44 cm when a specific pull force is applied. In the past, these kinds of rules were only intended for operating cords. The CWCR recognizes any cord on a product as a corded window covering. This includes inner cords, rear cords, looped products, and even power cords.

The definition of small parts and how they are interacted with by the consumer have also changed substantially.

There are also new labels that have a different look and language, Hang tags are no longer required. There will also now be an additional label on the boxes that contain corded window coverings.

How does this affect Hunter Douglas® products?

For the last 18 months, Hunter Douglas engineers and product groups have been working very hard to get as many of our products compliant with the regulation as possible. You will see some new operating systems that will be available exclusively in Canada, as well as a myriad of changes to small parts on the products such as end caps and tassels, most of which will not be visible or operational changes to the consumer.

Are there any Hunter Douglas products that will not be offered for sale in Canada?

Yes. The following products will be **discontinued completely** in Canada:

- Duette® and Applause® 3/8" Honeycomb
- Duette® and Applause® EasyRise™ Lift System
- Duette® and Applause® SkyLift™
- Duette® and Applause® Operable SideLights
- Duette and Applause Simplicity™
- Duette® EasyView Arch
- Duette® TrackGlide™ Standard 1/4" Track
- Silhouette® EasyRise
- Nantucket™ EasyRise
- Pirouette® EasyRise
- Vignette® Stacking - All Operating Systems
- Vignette® Rolling w/EasyRise™



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Vignette® Rolling LiteRise® 2-on-1
Luminette® SOFTRAK™ Hardware System
Designer Banded Shades Custom Clutch
Designer Roller & Screen Shades Hardwired Somfy Motorization
Designer Screen Patio Shades
Designer Roller & Designer Screen Shades Blockout with Custom Clutch
Cadence® Soft Vertical Blinds Cord and Wand Control
Cadence® Soft Vertical Blinds Cord and Chain Control
Somner® Custom Vertical Blinds Cord and Wand Control
Somner® Custom Vertical Blinds Cord and Chain Control
Somner® Custom Vertical Blinds Fabric Vanes with Bottom Chains
Somner® Custom Vertical Blinds Motorized Tilt Only
Somner® Custom Vertical Blinds Vertical Specialty All Systems
Vertical Solutions® Vertical Blinds Cord and Wand Control
Vertical Solutions® Vertical Blinds Cord and Chain Control
Vertical Solutions® Vertical Blinds Fabric Vanes with Bottom Chains
Vertical Solutions® Vertical Blinds Motorized Tilt Only
Vertical Solutions® Vertical Blinds Vertical Specialty All Systems
Parkland® Wood Blinds – Cordlock
Parkland® Wood Blinds – LiteRise®
Parkland® Wood Blinds – SimpleLift™
Everwood® Faux Wood Blinds - Cordlock
Everwood® Faux Wood Blinds - LiteRise®
Everwood® Faux Wood Blinds - SimpleLift™
Modern Precious Metals® - 1/2" Horizontal Blinds
Modern Precious Metals® - 1" Horizontal Blinds
Modern Precious Metals® - 2" Cordlock
Modern Precious Metals® - 2" LiteRise®
Modern Precious Metals® - 2" Reveal® with MagnaView®
Modern Precious Metals® - 2" SimpleLift™
Skyline® Panels Cord Control
Skyline® Panels Sleek Metal Valance and Box Valance
Skyline® Panels Room Divider Kit
Alustra® Woven Textures® Roman Shades Top-Down/Bottom-Up
Alustra® Woven Textures® Roman Shades Cordlock
Alustra® Woven Textures® Roman Shades EasyRise®
Alustra® Woven Textures® Roller Shades Hardwired Somfy Motorization
Alustra® Woven Textures® Skyline® Panels Cord Control
Alustra® Woven Textures® Skyline® Panels Sleek Metal Valance and Box Valance
Alustra® Woven Textures® Skyline® Panels Room Divider Kit
Design Studio™ Roman Shades EasyRise®
Design Studio™ Drapery Powerview® Automation
Design Studio™ Drapery with Cord Control
Design Studio™ Roller Shades Custom Clutch



Solera[®] Soft Shades EasyRise[®]
Solera[®] Soft Shades Top-Down/Bottom-Up
Provenance[®] Woven Woods Cordlock
Provenance[®] Woven Woods EasyRise[®]
Provenance[®] Woven Woods Top-Down/Bottom-Up
Provenance[®] Woven Woods Vertical Drapery Cord Control

Does Hunter Douglas have an answer for Top-Down/Bottom-Up (TDBU) in Canada?

Yes. We have designed a solution for Honeycomb shades with TDBU that appears similar to DuoLite[®], but uses our Clearview[®] fabric. This sandwiches the cords inside the fabric making them inaccessible and therefore compliant.

Provenance[®] Woven Woods, Solera[®] and Alustra[®] Woven Textures[®] Roman Shades with Top-Down/Bottom-Up have been discontinued for Canada at this time.

Does Hunter Douglas have a solution for cord looped systems?

On some products, yes. Designer Roller Shades, Designer Screen Shades, and Alustra[®] Woven Textures[®] Roller Shades have developed a cord shroud that conceals the cord or bead chain loop when the product is static, making it compliant.

Duette[®], Applause[®], Silhouette[®], Nantucket[®], Pirouette[®], Vignette[®] Stacking, Vignette[®] Rolling, Solera[®], Alustra[®] Woven Textures[®] Roman, Design Studio[™] Roman and Provenance[®] Woven Woods have discontinued EasyRise[™] completely. Designer Banded Shades has discontinued Custom Clutch completely. Somner[®], Cadence[®] and Vertical Solutions[®] Vertical Blinds have discontinued Cord & Wand and Cord & Chain controls completely. Skyline[®], Alustra[®] Woven Textures[®] Skyline[®], Provenance[®] Woven Woods Vertical Drapery and Design Studio Drapery[™] have discontinued Cord Control completely.

Does Hunter Douglas have a solution for Horizontal Blinds?

Yes. An entirely new operating system was designed for Horizontals. The system is called SpringRise[™]. This system works by keeping the bottom rail under constant tension and is held down at the bottom of the window with hold-down brackets. Tilt will be controlled by wand only. Should the consumer want to raise the blind, they simply need to release the bottom rail from the bracket and guide the blind upward as it automatically raises to the fully lifted position.

Does Hunter Douglas have a solution for Luminette SOFTRAK Hardware System?

The Luminette hardware system has been completely redesigned for each of the 3 operating systems: Combination Wand/Cord, Traveling Wand and PowerView.

For the Combination Wand/Cord specifically, it will be covered by a rigid shroud when in a static position, making it compliant.



How will Hunter Douglas be handling the launch of these new products and the discontinuation of the non-compliant products above?

We will launch this new compliant product line on April 16, 2022. At that time, Canadian dealers will no longer be able to order the discontinued products. Discontinued products ordered BEFORE April 16, 2022 will receive priority build status, ensuring they will leave the factory before May 1, 2022 and still be compliant.

New products and other orders placed between April 16 and May 3 will be placed on a hold status in our system. They will begin to be built on or around May 3, 2022. This will ensure that our systems are in place to build the products properly.

Who should I talk to if I have questions?

Please call customer service or your Sales Representative with questions. If it's something they don't have the answer for, you will be put in touch with Hunter Douglas's compliance expert.

What about repairs and remakes?

Repairs can continue to be done as they currently are. This is a manufacturing standard and products are allowed to be repaired to the standard that was in place when they were made. For remakes after April 16, the remake will be made compliant to the new regulation. We understand that this may cause a product to look or operate differently than others in the home so we stress repairs if possible. If not, contact your Sales Representative for options regarding your consumer.

Will there be an opportunity to see the changes made before April 16, 2022?

Yes, there will be a Canadian dealer only breakout at both the virtual National Sales Meeting (Hunter Douglas employees) and Premieres (Hunter Douglas dealers).

How important is this new regulation?

This new regulation is not just a standard to follow as before. It is a law that could carry criminal consequences in Canada should it not be followed. As always, Hunter Douglas is a leader in product innovation and safety. It is our #1 priority.