



**BEVERAGE CONTAINER MANAGEMENT BOARD
INDUSTRY POINT OF RETURN (POR) REQUIREMENTS**

Effective January 1, 2016, Depots handling in excess of ten (10) million containers must have an approved Point of Return (POR) system in use in their Depot. POR systems have demonstrated improved customer confidence, operational efficiency, and system accuracy. It is for these reasons that the industry has adopted the mandatory use of this technology going forward.

What is an Industry approved POR?

- A POR can be purchased from any vendor but must have the following basic functionality to qualify as meeting industry standard:
 - Each counting station must have individual customer facing screens, unless otherwise approved in writing by the BCMB.
 - The screens must display orders as they are counted including the number of beverage containers at each refund rate and the total refund payable to the customer;
 - Customer facing stations must match number of counting stations reported on their Uniform Code of Accounts (UCA);
 - Must produce a receipt that meets the minimum cash register receipt requirements as outlined in the Beverage Container Depot Operation and Administration By-law;
 - Must be able to produce and transmit an industry standard RBill in print and electronically that meets the requirements specified in Schedule “E” of the Service Agreement;
 - Must be able to connect to the internet;
 - Must have Quickdrop functionality (as of January 1, 2017).

New Depot Permit – Start up

- All newly established Depots, regardless of volume, must have a Point of Return (POR) system that meets the above POR requirements.
- The expectation with a newly established Depot is that the operator must have the POR installation included in the construction timelines within their Permit Application. The POR system would have to be installed prior to an operating permit being issued by the BCMB.



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New Depot Permit - Existing Depot Sale

- All existing Depots, regardless of volume, that are sold to a new operator must have a Point of Return (POR) system that meets the above POR requirements.
- The expectation with a purchase of an existing Depot is that the new operator supply, at minimum, a signed letter of intent outlining the plan, with enforceable timelines, to purchase and install POR in the Depot. This letter of intent would be part of the Applicants Permit Application.
- The POR system would have to be installed within ten (10) months of their initial permit date. This would be confirmed by inspection prior to renewing their permit once at the expiry of the initial one-year permit.