



DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: Depot Network

RE: **Return-It System (British Columbia) - Deposit Value Change**

Effective October 1, 2020, the deposit value for all beverage containers over 1 litre sold in British Columbia will decrease from 20 cents to 10 cents. The change to the Return-It System's deposit value was announced by Encorp Pacific on July 3, 2020.

This change could potentially impact our deposit return system in Alberta. We may see an increase in attempts to transport out-of-province material from British Columbia due to the higher return rate in Alberta for containers over 1 litre.

As of October 1, 2020, it is important, especially if you are a depot close to the BC/AB border, that you remain attentive and quarantine any out-of-province material that may arrive at your depot. Potential red flags may include BC plates on the customer's vehicle, the customer presenting BC identification or an attempt to return products/containers not registered in Alberta.

If you suspect out-of-province material has been brought into your depot, please fill out a Container Validation Request (CVR) form and send the information to the BCMB using the Quality Monitoring System (QMS). Please quarantine the containers at your depot. Do not provide a refund to the customer and do not ship the containers to ABCRC unless advised by the BCMB to do so. You may provide the customer with the BCMB's contact information if they have questions. If the customer is unwilling to provide any information and wishes to leave with the product they may do so, but make note of the encounter and contact the BCMB so that we can in turn notify the depot network.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Mark Emsden, Investigation and Compliance Manager at memsden@bcmb.ab.ca.

The original notice from Encorp Pacific has been attached below for reference.





July 3, 2020

Dear Brand Owners and Retailers:

RE: NEW CHANGE IN DEPOSIT VALUE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

Please be advised that Encorp Pacific will be decreasing the deposit value for all beverage containers greater than 1 litre registered in the Return-It system from 20 cents to 10 cents. This change will be effective October 1, 2020. Beverage containers 1 litre and under will remain at 10 cents.

This change in the deposit value is an important step forward to optimize our system and increase recovery rates. Implementing a 10 cent unified deposit for all beverage containers will simplify the deposit system and make it even easier for consumers to recycle all of their beverage containers irrespective of the size.

Below is the updated schedule of deposits by container type effective October 1, 2020. Please ensure you make the appropriate changes to your internal information systems to reflect the approved changes.

To help answer any questions, Encorp will be hosting a webinar for brand owners and retailers and the details for the webinar will be provided in a separate email.

This change in the deposit value will also be communicated with consumers and the general public. A comprehensive marketing campaign will be implemented to ensure province wide notification.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at BrandRegistry@returnit.ca.

ENCORP PACIFIC (CANADA)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen Langdon", is positioned above the printed name.

Allen Langdon
President and CEO



**DEPOSIT FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020**

CONTAINER TYPE	SIZE	CURRENT DEPOSIT VALUE	DEPOSIT VALUE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2020
Non-Alcohol Beverage Containers			
Aluminum	0 - 1 L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
PET, HDPE, PVC/Other Plastic	0 – 1L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
PET, HDPE, PVC/Other Plastic	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
Polystyrene Cup	0 – 500 ml	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Glass	0 – 1L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Glass	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
Bi-Metal	0 – 1L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Bi-Metal	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
Drink Box	0 – 500 ml	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Drink Box	501 ml – 1 L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Gable Top	0 – 1L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Gable Top	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
Bag-in-a-Box	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
Drink Pouch	0 – 1 L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Alcohol Beverage Containers			
Glass Wine & Spirits	0 – 1L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Glass Wine & Spirits	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
Glass NRBC	0 – 1L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Glass NRBC	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
Liquor Plastic	0 – 1L	10.0 cents	10.0 cents
Liquor Plastic	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
Liquor Bag-in-a-Box	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents
One-Way Keg	> 1 L	20.0 cents	10.0 cents

