



DATE: April 7, 2021

TO: Depot Network

RE: **Suspected Baled, Out-of-Province Aluminum Cans (0-1 L).**

The BCMB has recently been notified that a member of the public is attempting to return suspected baled, out-of-province aluminum cans (0-1 L). The material is compacted and transported in black garbage bags. This individual is named Joe and his telephone number is 825-993-2274. Joe has been described as a Caucasian male, approximately 5'9" with dark hair. He drives an unmarked, white Dodge Sprinter Van (pictures of the van have been included below). When asked about the material and where it came from, Joe has provided various explanations including construction sites, campgrounds and pick-ups from people's homes.

Please be aware that these containers may be brought into your Depot in the near future, especially if you are in or around the Camrose area. If you suspect that these containers have arrived at your Depot, please submit a Container Validation Request (CVR) via the Quality Monitoring System (QMS) and quarantine the containers at your Depot. Do not provide a refund to the customer and do not ship the containers to ABCRC until advised by the BCMB. Please be sure to provide the customer with the BCMB phone number so they know who to contact regarding these containers. Should the customer refuse to complete a CVR or leave with the material, please ensure that you still notify the BCMB. Provide as much detail as you can and include security images if possible.

The CVR process can be found here:

https://www.bcmb.ab.ca/uploads/source/Depot_Owners/Notices/2020/2020.12.16.Depot.Notice.CVR.Form.and.Guide.pdf

Going forward, we want to encourage everyone to be aware of what this material looks like and to assist in deterring those who commit fraud and take advantage of this system. We have included images below of material that has been attempted to be returned. Please take some time to review CVR procedures and these images with your staff.

Please keep in mind that if this material is being accepted and shipped through Depots, it becomes a financial risk to Alberta's deposit return system and undermines the integrity of our program. The result of this activity puts the beverage container recycling industry at risk and creates questions regarding the viability of a program where fraud can so easily occur.

Attempts to return containers that have been transported into Alberta, or the acceptance of containers that can reasonably be identified as having been transported into Alberta are an offense





under the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation. It is important to note that if any Depot is found to be accepting and shipping this material, without following CVR processes, they could find themselves subject to investigation by the BCMB. This could potentially lead to a hearing where a review of their operating permit may result in suspension or cancellation of said permit.

Should you have any questions or information, please contact either Michelle Winmill (mwinmill@bcmb.ab.ca) or Jenn Budd (jbudd@bcmb.ab.ca)

Should you wish to make an anonymous report or provide a tip regarding material that has been transported into Alberta, please send your email to fraudtip@bcmb.ab.ca





