



DATE: August 29, 2022

TO: Depot Network

RE: **Ceramic Container Sorting**

Attention depot operators and staff,

ABCRC has noticed an increase in ceramic material being missorted in glass bags received from depots. Though current ceramic missorting is not enough to contaminate entire loads of glass, we are sending this notice as a reminder and reference to review with your staff.

We would like to remind all depots that extra care needs to be taken when handling ceramic beverage containers as they are a significant contaminate to the glass material streams and **MUST** be separated from glass. Your vigilance is appreciated as it ensures the industry gets the best value at market for the commodity which goes back into funding the system.

As per the ABCRC – ABDA Service Agreement, ABCRC will accept any quantity of ceramic containers shipped from a depot every 30 days, so there is no requirement to wait to accumulate the quantity of ceramic containers listed as the Standard Count in the Service Agreement.

Glass is transparent, which means light passes through it, though some glass bottles can be shrink wrapped in plastic or painted. Ceramics may be opaque, which means it does not allow light to pass through it and is often decoratively painted. Some example images of registered ceramic containers have been provided on the next page for reference.

The ABCRC Material Sorting Guide is a resource that depots can reference when unsure of the sort for a beverage container. The ABCRC Material Sorting Guide can be found on the BCMB website at the link below, in the “Forms & Guides” tab:

<https://www.bcmb.ab.ca/depot-owners-operators/depot-logins-resources/>

If you have any questions, please direct them to a Registration Compliance Officer via email - Registrations@bcmb.ab.ca.



