



DATE: November 23, 2022

TO: Depot Network

RE: Repeal of the Non-Beverage Container Framework

In 2019, the BCMB introduced a compliance framework for non-beverage containers (NBC). The NBC Framework is contained within the [Depot By-law](#) in sections 11.67 to 11.84.

A recent review of the NBC Framework by BCMB management found that the compliance framework is not achieving the results that had been expected when it was introduced. The review included consultation with the ABDA and the ABCRC.

The review of framework data shows very few NBCs are found during audits and almost every entry to the framework does not escalate past level one. This suggests that depots do an excellent job of removing or not including NBCs before containers are shipped to the Collection System Agent (ABCRC) and that the public is more aware of what can and cannot be taken to a depot for a deposit refund.

As a result of the review, BCMB management recommended to the Board of Directors that it repeal the NBC Framework. The recommendation was approved at today's board meeting and will be effective immediately.

BCMB management and the Board are confident the repeal of the framework will not increase the risk of suspicious material entering the system as there are adequate mitigators in place that will help ensure NBCs are identified prior to, or if needed, when they reach the CSA. This includes the Container Validation Request process and other existing frameworks within the Depot By-law.

Any depots currently in the compliance framework for NBCs will no longer be in the framework as of today.

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