

NOTICE

TO: Depot Network

DATE: May 8, 2025

RE: **Off-Spec Material – Rapid Ascent Brewery**

The Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) has been informed that an auction house in southern Alberta is selling a large volume of off-spec, non-deposit bearing aluminum containers. The auction includes approximately 200,000 labeled containers that were never filled and lack can tops. These containers originate from the now-closed Rapid Ascent Brewery.

Please be advised that these containers are **non-deposit-bearing** and are therefore **ineligible for return** at any depot.

The prospective buyer has been notified of this status and instructed accordingly. Depots should not accept or process these containers under any circumstances. Additionally, they were advised to take the containers to ABCRC but may choose to take them to a scrap dealer of their choice.

This notice is to make depots aware of **manufacturers or recyclers** who may attempt to return these off-spec, non-deposit bearing material to your depot for a refund. A manufacturer or recycler may be identifiable by the amount of material they have, the truck or trailer they drive, their uniform or other means of identification on their person, or they may identify themselves to you directly. **If you suspect that a manufacturer or recycler is attempting to return large quantities of what appears to be off-spec material to your depot, please direct them to contact ABCRC at feedback@abcrc.com** to make arrangements to return the material to them directly.

As a reminder, material that is non-deposit bearing must not be accepted and shipped along with deposit bearing material to the CSA.

Some indicators of off-spec containers include, but are not limited to:

- Containers that appear to never have been filled;
- Containers that appear to never have been sealed;
- Unlabeled containers in large quantities; and
- Containers that appear to be from out of province.



As a reminder, if a **customer** attempts to return a large quantity of containers that appears to be off-spec, and you are unsure as to its validity, please complete the following steps:

1. Submit a Container Validation Request (CVR) form through the Quality Monitoring System (QMS). The CVR form and a comprehensive CVR Reference Guide can be found on the BCMB website by [clicking here](#). Scroll down to Depot Resources and click on “Forms and Guides”.
2. Quarantine the containers at your depot if possible. Do not provide a refund to the customer and do not ship the containers to ABCRC until advised by the BCMB.
3. Provide the customer with BCMB’s phone number so they know who to contact regarding these containers. Should the customer refuse to complete a CVR or leaves with the material, please ensure that you still notify the BCMB. Provide as much detail as you can and include security images if possible. Should you have any questions, please contact a Compliance Officer at compliance@bcmb.ab.ca.



