



BEVERAGE CONTAINER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Beverage Container Registration

What Manufacturers,
Distributors and Retailers
Need to Know





All ready-to-serve beverage products for sale in Alberta must be registered with the Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) prior to a company selling and/or distributing that product in the province.

Registration ensures that beverage containers are recyclable and accepted at all depots for a refund of the deposit paid at the time of purchase:

- a minimum of 10 cents for containers one litre and under, or
- a minimum of 25 cents for containers over one litre.

Unregistered products can lead to frustration and confusion for consumers and depot staff when they are brought to a depot and the deposit cannot be refunded. This can affect sales for retailers as well.





MANUFACTURERS & DISTRIBUTORS

A **manufacturer*** is defined in the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation as:

- a person who manufactures a beverage and includes
 - a person who carries on the business of filling containers with a beverage, and
 - a person who imports a beverage in a container into Alberta for the purpose of distribution or sale in Alberta.

What You Need to Know

- Company and product registration is to be completed online at www.bcmb.ab.ca.
- An initial \$60.00 non-refundable registration fee must be paid to BCMB.
- BCMB requires a copy of the Alberta Registration or Alberta Incorporation certificate.
- The Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC) requires a refundable, initial deposit of \$5,000 or a three-month sales forecast (whichever is larger). ABCRC also requires a signed Collection System Agent (CSA) Agreement.
- After completing all BCMB and ABCRC requirements and all information is confirmed, a company will be approved as a Registrant.
- All products must also be registered. The BCMB has 10 business days to approve registrations. First product registration is free, each additional registration is \$10.00 per product.
- Alcoholic beverages must be registered with the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC).



RETAILERS

What You Need to Know

- Ask manufacturer/distributor for Alberta registration numbers on all ready-to-serve beverage containers prior to selling and/or distributing.
- If a manufacturer/distributor has not registered (or will not register) the beverage containers, the retailer is responsible for registering their company and beverage containers if they wish to sell and/or distribute that product.
- Must refuse to sell and/or distribute beverage containers without a registration number.
- Advise any manufacturer/distributor with unregistered products to contact the BCMB for information on registration.

Advertising of Deposit Policy

- Requires price labels on shelves to clearly identify refundable deposit of either 10 cents or 25 cents (depending on size).
- List deposit amount on receipts separate from the price of the product.
- Container Recycling Fee (CRF) may be shown separately or as part of the product price.

****Distributors and Retailers can be deemed a manufacturer if they conduct the business as described.***



BEVERAGE CONTAINER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

More information on container registration can be found on BCMB's website at www.bcmb.ab.ca under the *Manufacturers and Retailers* tab, including:

- Container Database
- Registrant Log In
- Registrant Portal User Guide
- Registration Requirements

Contact the BCMB Registrations Department at:

Tel: 780-424-3193 or Toll-free: 1-888-424-7671

Email: registrations@bcmb.ab.ca

Registration Portal: portal.bcmb.ab.ca/product

Attn: Registrations Department
Beverage Container Management Board
100, 8616 - 51 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T6E 6E6
www.bcmb.ab.ca

Unregistered Products

Manufacturers, distributors and retailers can be penalized for unregistered beverage containers. Failure to register beverage containers can result in fines of up to \$500,000 for a corporation or up to \$50,000 for an individual. Unregistered products can also be removed from store shelves.

All unregistered beverage products found at Alberta depots are shown on the BCMB Registration Portal:

portal.bcmb.ab.ca/UnregisteredProduct



Beverage Containers by the Numbers

- Almost 2.5 billion beverage products are sold in Alberta every year.
- Over 2 billion beverage containers are returned to depots for a refund and recycling annually.
- Over 140,000 different beverage containers are registered for sale in Alberta.
- There are more than 200 depots in Alberta.

About the BCMB

The BCMB is responsible for the collection and recycling of beverage containers throughout Alberta. We work to ensure that Albertans have access to a convenient, innovative and cost-effective system for recycling and reusing their used containers.

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