

NOTICE

TO: BCMB Registrants

FROM: Beverage Container Management Board

DATE: August 5, 2025

RE: **REMINDER: Additions and Grey Area Containers in Interpretation of Beverage Container Policy**

Key Facts:

- Non-Alcoholic, Non-Concentrate Drink Mixes are now considered deposit-bearing
- Beverages with alcohol that need dilution (e.g., concentrated alcoholic mixers) will continue to be accepted
- Flavor additives and enhancers still exempt
- Exemption for infant formula specifically applies to products for infants aged 0-12 months
- Dairy alternatives are treated the same as dairy products

Key Dates

- **July 1, 2025:** the date that new containers started to be accepted
- **August 31, 2025:** when all deposit-bearing need to be registered with the BCMB (reporting and remittance will be retroactive to July 1, 2025)

Dear BCMB Registrants,

This email serves as a reminder regarding important updates to the [Interpretation of Beverage Container Policy](#), which came into effect on July 1, 2025.

These clarifications, issued by the Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB), aim to streamline operations and ensure consistent understanding of deposit-bearing containers under the *Beverage Container Recycling Regulation* (BCRR).

We understand the importance of these policy amendments for your operations and encourage you to review the details.

A summary of the key changes, which have been in effect since July 1, 2025, includes:

- **Non-Alcoholic, Non-Concentrate Drink Mixes:** Now considered deposit-bearing.
- **Alcoholic vs. Non-Alcoholic Containers Requiring Dilution:** Alcoholic variants requiring dilution continue to be accepted; non-alcoholic concentrated/dilutable drink products remain exempt.
- **Flavor Additives and Enhancers:** Explicitly confirmed as exempt from the deposit system.
- **Infant Formula Exemption:** Specifically applies to products for infants aged 0-12 months.
- **Dairy Alternatives:** Explicitly treated the same as dairy products (no change in practice).

These updates are designed to provide clearer guidelines and reduce uncertainty within the system.

Please be advised that for deposit-bearing non-alcoholic beverages, reporting and remittance will remain with Alberta's Collection System Agent (CSA), the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC). Liquor reporting and remittance will continue to remain with Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC).

BCMB's Registrations team (registrations@bcmb.ab.ca) is available to assist you with any questions regarding these policy updates and registration requirements. Your cooperation ensures the continued efficiency and success of Alberta's beverage container recycling system.

Important Note: We are pleased to announce the launch of "Phase 2: Stakeholder Feedback Crystal & Ceramic Container Phase-Out Consultation."

Please take a moment to provide your feedback on this potential phase-out by clicking [here](#). The deadline for providing your feedback is September 30, 2025.

Your input is crucial in BCMB overseeing and regulating a leading and sustainable beverage container recycling system that protects Alberta's environment.

