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Alcohol Container Registrations

Liquor agencies to begin container self-registration in early 2024

NEW BCMB REGISTRATION PORTAL ACTIVE FOR NON-ALCOHOL MANUFACTURERS

The Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) launched its new Stakeholder Information Management System (SIMS) on Monday, October 2nd for **non-alcohol** manufacturers. SIMS replaces the former registration portal for beverage containers.

It is the same system that liquor agencies will use when they begin self-registration in early 2024. The launch of SIMS before liquor agencies begin container registrations will allow further testing and refining of the system to ensure a smooth transition.

LIQUOR AGENCY PRE-REGISTRATION & ACCOUNT REVIEW

As previously communicated, all existing, active alcohol container registration information is being transitioned from AGLC to the BCMB's new registration system and linked with the liquor agent account (registrant account) in the BCMB's database.

There will be no need for liquor agencies to re-enter existing account information or container registrations that were completed on their behalf by AGLC.

As part of the account pre-registration and testing period that has already begun, liquor agencies will review their accounts and container registrations to confirm they are complete. If you have not already received an email, one will be coming shortly asking you to sign in and set an account password and with instructions on how to confirm your account and container information. BCMB registrations officers will work with liquor agencies to update any incomplete registrant accounts and container registrations (e.g., missing contact info, missing UPCs, etc.).

Liquor agencies will then begin self-registration for all **NEW** containers early next year.



Training on the new registration process will be provided by webinar in early 2024. A portal user instruction guide will also be available.

UPCs/UCC-13s FOR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

While UPCs/UCC-13s (barcodes) are not currently mandated for beverage containers, the BCMB strongly recommends manufacturers (or liquor agencies on their behalf) ensure their containers have one. The beverage container recycling system relies on barcodes for confirmation of registration and material sorting at depots. Barcodes will make the registration process more efficient, as liquor agencies will be required to contact the BCMB directly to register any container without a barcode.

More information on obtaining an UPC/UCC-13 (barcode) can be found in the [FAQs](#) on alcohol container registration.

NEXT STEPS

- Keep informed.
- Read the [questions and answers](#) that provide more details.
- Watch for an update in January on webinar dates and how to sign up.

QUESTIONS?

AGLC and the BCMB are working together to ensure a coordinated, seamless and efficient transition. The BCMB will work closely with liquor agencies throughout the transition and afterward to provide support with this process change.



Questions about container registrations can be sent to: registrations@bcmb.ab.ca



Questions about alcohol product registrations can be sent to: product@aglc.ca