

Alcohol Container

Registrations

New container registration system and process for liquor agencies

WHAT'S CHANGING?

In the fall of 2023, **liquor agencies will be required to register containers directly with the Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) through its registration portal.**

Liquor agencies currently register products with AGLC on behalf of alcohol manufacturers/product owners that they represent in Alberta. AGLC then registers the containers in the BCMB registration system.

WHY THE CHANGE?

The BCMB is updating the beverage container registration system. The amendments to the registration process for liquor agencies are needed to:

- support a streamlined approach to alcohol container registration within the new system;
- enable liquor agencies to directly connect with the BCMB, supporting more timely and accurate processing and information exchange; and
- ensure **all** beverage manufacturers (including alcohol, non-alcohol and cannabis) follow the same process for registration.

It will also allow liquor agencies to confirm a container's eligibility in Alberta with the BCMB and ask questions about unique and novel containers.

WHAT STAYS THE SAME?

AGLC will maintain responsibility for registering all alcohol **products** in Alberta. Liquor agencies will register **containers** with the BCMB directly (the new process) while still registering the **alcohol/product** separately with AGLC. AGLC and BCMB approvals will continue to occur within the same two-week timelines currently in place.

WHAT IS THE BCMB?

The BCMB oversees the beverage container recycling industry in Alberta. As part of its environmental protection mandate, provincial regulation requires all beverage containers (alcohol, non-alcohol and cannabis) sold in Alberta to be registered. Registration allows the BCMB to determine a container's recyclability.

NEXT STEPS

- Keep informed.
- Read the [questions and answers](#) that provide more details.
- Watch for future updates on the system development and training that will be provided in webinars before this fall's launch.

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



The BCMB's new registration system is scheduled to be up and running in the summer of 2023 for testing. It will be launched in the fall of 2023.