



DATE: April 17, 2020
TO: BCMB Registrants
RE: **Hand Sanitizer Containers**

The Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) would like to thank you for continuing to manufacture, sell and distribute beverage containers in addition to your ongoing efforts to support Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic and your help preventing the spread of the virus.

With hand sanitizer in great demand and being difficult for many Albertans to obtain, some manufacturers have started producing hand sanitizer in addition to, or in place of, their regular operating lines. In some cases, the containers being used to hold the hand sanitizer are beverage containers or very similar to a beverage container.

To ensure the deposit system stays intact and contaminant free, the BCMB would like to remind manufacturers, distributors and retailers that hand sanitizer is not a beverage and cannot be treated as such. Accordingly, the BCMB does not have any regulatory authority over the container used to package the hand sanitizer. This means that manufacturers are not required to register hand sanitizer, or the container used to hold the hand sanitizer, with the BCMB. This also means: these containers do not hold a deposit or container recycling fee (CRF); cannot be returned to a depot for a refund of the deposit; and should not be included in your reporting and remitting requirements with the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC).

The BCMB understands this is a challenging time and is here to support our system partners in any way we can. We thank all manufacturers, distributors and retailers for working with us and for your patience.

If you have any questions or require a container to be reviewed, please contact:

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