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**DATE:** November 26, 2020

**TO:** BCMB Registrants

**RE:** **2021 BCMB Operating Fee and Container Registration Fee Changes**

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**Attention BCMB Registrants:**

The BCMB Board of Directors approved the changes contained in this notice at the November 25, 2020 Board meeting.

Key Changes, effective January 1, 2021:

1. The BCMB is changing to a 'user pays' Operating Fee model;
2. The BCMB Operating Fee will be charged on 100% of all containers sold in the Province;
3. The Operating Fee will be paid through the Collection System Agent (CSA) and Collection Service Providers (CSPs) - depot permit holders will no longer be required to pay half of the BCMB Operating Fee;
4. The BCMB Operating Fee will increase from \$0.0016/per container returned to \$0.0018/per container sold;
5. Handling Commissions will be adjusted to reflect this change (a reduction to the Revenue Requirement of approximately \$1.6M); and

**As a note, the Operating Fee is paid on your behalf by the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (non-refillable beverage containers) and the Alberta Beer Container Corporation (refillable beer containers).**

**Effective January 1, 2021, Container Registration Fees (\$10/per container) charged to Manufacturers, will be eliminated.** Although the Container Registration Fee will no longer be charged, please note that registration of individual beverage containers will remain a requirement.

**Please be advised** that the Fee to register as a new Manufacturer registrant (\$60) will remain in effect, and all Manufacturers are required to continue fulfilling all obligations as set out in Agreements with the CSA and CSPs, including but not limited to, remittance of fees, sales and volume information.

Should you wish to register a beverage container, please click the following link to access the registration portal: <https://portal.bcmb.ab.ca/Product>

An updated Fee By-law and Handling Commission By-law can be found on the BCMB website at <https://www.bcmb.ab.ca/about/governing-documents/>

Should you have any questions, please direct them to Jamie Moore, Director, Finance & Administration at [jmoore@bcmb.ab.ca](mailto:jmoore@bcmb.ab.ca).