



DATE: July 15, 2022

TO: Manufacturers of Oral Rehydration Solutions

RE: Registration of Oral Rehydration Solution Containers

To ensure consistency, fairness and clarity in the beverage-like container recycling industry, Oral Rehydration Solution containers (Pedialyte, Hydralyte, etc.) are being transitioned into Alberta's deposit-refund system. All manufacturers of such products sold in Alberta will be required to register their containers with the Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) by September 15, 2022.

The BCMB is working closely with manufacturers, and as part of the registration process, we are committed to providing a transition period of 60 days (with an effective date of September 15, 2022) to allow manufacturers time to make any necessary adjustments and register containers accordingly.

Registering the containers will alleviate confusion and frustration for consumers, retailers and Alberta depots about whether or not the containers are deposit-bearing and thus eligible for a refund as is applied to all ready to serve and sealed beverages including liquid Oral Rehydration Solutions purchased in the province. Registration also ensures the containers can be suitably recycled.

The BCMB's [Manufacturer and Retailer By-law](#) sets out the requirement for manufacturers to register all beverage-like containers sold in Alberta. This requirement is also provincially legislated in the [Beverage Container Recycling Regulation](#). The regulation defines a beverage as any liquid that is a ready-to-serve drink and is not exempt from the regulation.

While the BCMB recognizes that Oral Rehydration Solutions are regulated as Natural Health Products (NHP), the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation oversees the recycling of the container in which they are sold. There are no exemptions for medical products or NHPs in the Regulation or by-laws that govern the beverage-like container recycling industry.

[Click here](#) for more information regarding the beverage container registration process or contact the BCMB registrations team at registrations@bcmb.ab.ca.

