

## NOTICE

TO: Alberta Beverage Container Registrants

FROM: Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB)

DATE: January 20, 2026

RE: **NOTICE: Beverage Registration Requirements: Alcoholic Vs. Non-Alcoholic**

Dear Alberta Beverage Registrants,

Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) works closely with manufacturers, liquor agents, and distributors (“Registrants”) as well as Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) to ensure that all beverage container registration and reporting requirements are clear and consistently applied.

BCMB is issuing this notice to clarify key differences between **alcohol** and **non-alcohol** container registrations, as there remains confusion among Registrants who handle both product types.

### Key Differences

	Alcohol	Non-Alcohol
<b>Must register company with AGLC</b>	Yes	Only if product is distributed through Connect Logistics’ warehouse(s).
<b>Must register product with AGLC</b>	Yes	
<b>Must have BCMB registrant account</b>	Yes	Yes. However, <b>alcohol</b> and <b>non-alcohol</b> container registrations are treated differently in <a href="#">BCMB’s Registrations portal</a> ; currently a separate account must exist for each beverage type (alcoholic vs. non-alcoholic). <b>The same email address cannot be used for more than one account.</b>
<b>Must have BCMB Container Registration Number</b>	Yes	
<b>Sales Reporting and Fee Remittance</b>	Done by AGLC on the manufacturer, distributor, agent’s behalf.	Done by manufacturer, distributor, agent, etc. directly.

## Key Differences (Expanded)

### 1. Separate BCMB Accounts Required

Alcohol and non-alcohol container registrations are managed differently within [BCMB's registration portal](#). The same email address cannot be used for more than one registrant account, if you handle both beverage types. Registrants handling both alcohol and non-alcohol container registrations must currently maintain a distinct login for each beverage type. BCMB is currently exploring ways to make this more efficient for Registrants in the future.

### 2. Reporting & Remittance Responsibilities

Reporting obligations differ between alcohol and non-alcohol container registrations:

#### Alcohol Containers

- Reporting and remittance are completed by AGLC (deemed to be the manufacturer of all liquor in Alberta for the purpose of the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation) on behalf of the registrant.
- Registrants do not submit reports to the BCMB for alcohol beverages.

#### Non-Alcohol Containers

- Reporting and remittance are completed directly by the manufacturer to the Collection System Agent (Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC)).
- This includes sales/collection (returns) data, and remittances, in accordance with the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation.

### 3. AGLC Requirements for Non-Alcohol Products

AGLC requirements apply to non-alcohol products only if they move through the Connect Logistics warehouse.

- **If the product is distributed through Connect Logistics:**
  - Company must register with AGLC.
  - The product must also be registered with AGLC.
- **If the product does *not* move through Connect Logistics:**
  - No AGLC account or product registration is required for non-alcohol.

Alcohol products, as usual, must be registered with AGLC regardless of distribution channel.

### 4. Contact Information

For beverage container registration questions (BCMB): [registrations@bcmb.ab.ca](mailto:registrations@bcmb.ab.ca)

For alcohol/product registration questions (AGLC): [product@aglc.ca](mailto:product@aglc.ca)

**About Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB)**

BCMB is Alberta's beverage container recycling system regulator, overseeing the province's network of bottle depots and the Collection System Agent (CSA). BCMB is also responsible for the registration of all beverage containers sold in Alberta. The regulatory framework BCMB is responsible for helps ensure the integrity of Alberta's high-performing recycling system which supports the province's broader circular economy and contributes to effective and efficient waste management.

