



SASKATCHEWAN BEVERAGE CONTAINER COLLECTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

CONTAINER APPROVAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

Pursuant to *The Litter Control Act*, designated beverages that are packaged in designated containers must be approved by the Minister of Environment prior to being distributed in Saskatchewan. Manufacturers and distributors of beverages into the province are responsible for obtaining approvals for their containers and for ensuring that they remit the appropriate environmental handling charges and deposits for each container that they distributed.

A sample application form (i.e. Application for Approval of a Beverage Container) has been included with this information bulletin. This form may be copied as required by manufacturers and distributors. For the section of the application form which asks for information regarding what the container is manufactured from; if the container is made from plastic please indicate the grade of plastic (i.e. polyethylene terephthalate (PETE, PET or #1); high density polyethylene (HDPE or #2); etc.) and if the container is made from metal please indicate whether it is aluminum, tin or bimetal. The application form also calls for the submission of a sample container, this is no longer a requirement.

Once a manufacturer's or distributor's application form has been processed, Saskatchewan Finance will be advised to issue them a license and to provide them with a remittance/return form. In addition, SARCAN Recycling will be apprised that the containers can now be accepted at their depots and that the associated deposits can be refunded to the public.

Please submit completed application forms to either:

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Saskatchewan Environment
3211 Albert Street
Regina, Saskatchewan, S4S 5W6
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or

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7L 6H6
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(NON-REFILLABLE CONTAINERS)

Introduction

Saskatchewan's Beverage Container Collection and Recycling Program has undergone regulatory changes. This information bulletin and the other attached bulletins are provided in order to describe the current status of this program and to inform the various sectors of the beverage industry of their responsibilities with respect to the program.

The mandate of the Beverage Container Collection and Recycling Program is to provide a provincial system to collect and recycle beverage containers that have been distributed in Saskatchewan. This program is predicated on four main elements. First, the beverages and the containers that they are packaged in, that are subject to this program, are designated under regulations (i.e. *The Litter Control Designation Regulations, 1998*) pursuant to *The Litter Control Act*. Second, beverage containers which are designated must be approved by the Minister of Environment prior to being distributed in Saskatchewan. Third, manufacturers and distributors of beverages into the province must report the amount of beverages distributed and remit to Saskatchewan Finance the environmental handling charge and the refundable deposit for each container distributed. Fourth, the environmental handling charges being remitted are used to fund the collection and recycling of the beverage containers while the refundable deposits being remitted are used to provide an incentive to the consumer to recycle the containers. Collection of the beverage containers and refunding of deposits to the public is carried out by SARCAN Recycling through a province wide depot system.

Designated Beverages

Beverages which may be designated under *The Litter Control Act* include ".....any liquid intended for human consumption by drinking.....". To date, designated beverages are those that are "ready to serve" (i.e. ready for immediate consumption by the purchaser) and fall within the following categories: beverage alcohol as defined in *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act*, carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks, carbonated and non-carbonated fruit drinks, fruit juices, vegetable juices, non-alcoholic beer and wine, tea and water.

Designated Containers

Effective April 1, 1998 the set of designated containers was expanded to include paper-based, polycoat, gable top containers. Containers currently designated under *The Litter Control Designation Regulations, 1998* include all metal cans, all plastic bottles, all non-refillable glass bottles, all multi-material, shelf stable containers (i.e. aseptic containers) and now all paper-based, polycoat, gable top containers.

Approval of Beverage Containers

The set of designated beverages and designated containers identifies which products and their associated containers are subject to environmental handling charges and refundable deposits. Before a beverage and its container can be distributed in Saskatchewan the container must be approved by the Minister of Environment. Manufacturers and distributors of beverages into the province are responsible for obtaining approvals for their containers. The container approval bulletin includes an Application for Approval of Beverage Container and contains instructions regarding the completion and submission of the application form.

Environmental Handling Charges and Refundable Deposits

Once a container has been approved and the beverage is being distributed in the province the manufacturer/distributor is responsible for reporting to Saskatchewan Finance the number of units distributed and for remitting the appropriate environmental handling charges and refundable deposits. The table below summarizes the environmental handling charges and refundable deposits that are currently applicable.

Container Type	Environmental Handling Charge (per container)	Refundable Deposit (per container)		
		0 - 300 ml.	301 - 999 ml.	1 litre or more
Metal cans	5¢	10¢	10¢	20¢
Plastic bottles	6¢	10¢	10¢	20¢
Non-refillable glass bottles	7¢	10¢	20¢	40¢
Multi-material, shelf stable containers (i.e. aseptic, Tetra-Pak, juice box, etc.)	3¢	5¢	5¢	5¢
Paper-based, polycoat, gable top containers	3¢	5¢	5¢	5¢

The bulletin from Saskatchewan Finance provides information regarding the reporting and remittance procedures to be followed by manufacturers and distributors.

Should you require any additional information concerning Saskatchewan's Beverage Container Collection and Recycling Program please contact Mr. Kim Yee of the Environmental Protection Branch, Saskatchewan Environment at (306)787-6124.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A BEVERAGE CONTAINER
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

THE UNDERSIGNED:

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

ADDRESS _____

HEREBY MAKES APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO USE THE ENCLOSED CONTAINER
MARKED EXHIBIT _____, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING A BEVERAGE
(1,2,3,etc.)

UNDER THE BRAND NAME OF _____

THE BEVERAGE IS:

A CARBONATED SOFT DRINK _____ BEER _____

OTHER (describe): _____

THE CONTAINER IS MANUFACTURED FROM _____

_____ AND HAS A CAPACITY OF _____
(State Units)

THE CONTAINER IS/IS NOT REFILLABLE.

DATED _____, _____

Signature of Applicant or Officer of Company

APPROVAL TO USE A BEVERAGE CONTAINER

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT _____

_____ IS AUTHORIZED TO SELL _____

BRAND NAME BEVERAGE(S) IN A _____ CONTAINER IDENTIFIED BY THE
(State Capacity)

APPLICANT AS EXHIBIT _____

TERMS OR CONDITIONS: _____

THIS APPROVAL SHALL EXPIRE ON _____

DATED _____, _____

Minister of the Environment

ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE LITTER CONTROL ACT