



## Exemption from Container Return Limits

### Why is there a \$75 per person per week refund limit?

Since Manitoba does not provide a deposit refund for its beverage containers, there is a criminal practice of importing such containers into Saskatchewan in order to obtain a fraudulent refund at SARCAN Recycling depots. The \$75 limit stands to help control the movement of out-of-province containers, making this crime less profitable – a crime for which there is a penalty of up to \$25,000 in fines and/or a jail term of up to three months.

### Are there any exemptions to the \$75 per person per week limit?

Yes, certain groups can be exempt from the \$75 limit:

#### 1. Charity, Non-Profit Organizations, Other Social/Service Organizations

Entities that may or may not be formally incorporated and which may acquire large volumes of deposit containers in Saskatchewan, usually by means of donations.

**Examples:** Registered Charities, Hospitals, Service Clubs, Legions, Schools, Staff Funds, Boy Scouts, Government Agencies, Sports Teams

#### 2. Discount Refund Dealer

An entity (individual or business) that purchases deposit containers from the public at large or other businesses and organizations in Saskatchewan at an amount which is less than the full deposit amount. The entity then returns the "deposit containers" to SARCAN Recycling to receive the full deposit.

#### 3. Businesses

Business that sells "deposit container" beverages to the public in the province of Saskatchewan and then return the empty containers to SARCAN Recycling.

**Examples:** Hotels, Confectionaries, Restaurants, Camps/Lodges

**If your group is interested in obtaining bulk customer status, which provides exemption from the \$75 limit, please contact your nearest SARCAN depot. If eligible, your group will be asked to complete a bulk exemption form, which details all the necessary procedures and guidelines.**