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NOTICE

To: All Certified Recyclers

Subject: Payment for Segregated California Redemption Value Materials Only

Effective November 1, 2013, recycling centers shall pay consumers segregated rates only for loads of material inspected and confirmed as containing only California Refund Value (CRV) beverage containers. Recycling centers shall no longer pay commingled rates for any loads received from consumers.

Currently, recycling centers may purchase commingled loads of CRV and non-CRV material and be reimbursed at a calculated commingled rate for those loads. However, Chapter 356, Statutes of 2013 (SB 96), signed by Governor Brown on September 26, 2013, amended Public Resources Code Section 14572(a) to eliminate commingled rates for recycling centers. Under the new SB 96, certified recycling centers shall no longer pay commingled rates to consumers for loads of CRV beverage containers that are mixed with non-CRV materials. Recycling centers must still inspect all loads of material presented by consumers to determine if the load is eligible for any refund value as required under current regulations.

Recycling centers may choose, but are not required, to accept non-CRV materials from consumers, either as a donation without issuing a payment, or as scrap, and pay the applicable scrap value. Please note that California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 2525(d) requires that all donations made to a recycling center, whether in person or anonymously, must be logged and/or receipted. Additionally, CCR 2525(h) requires that all scrap transactions be receipted. Receipts must indicate whether the load consists of rejected, line-breakage, or out-of-state containers.

Currently, any broken glass containers purchased from consumers, certified drop-off or collection programs, or community service programs shall be deemed commingled. Under the new law, certified recycling centers shall no longer pay commingled rates to consumers; therefore, as of November 1, 2013, broken glass is considered scrap. The new law does not affect commingled rates for curbside programs, certified drop-off or collection programs, or community service programs. CalRecycle will continue to reimburse these programs using commingled rates.



To clarify the new law and revised regulations related to the new law, CalRecycle will present a Public Workshop for certified recycling center operators and interested parties on October 24, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Sierra Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, Sacramento CA 95814.

In addition, CalRecycle will host another public workshop; October 31, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Sierra Hearing Room, 1101 I Street, Sacramento CA 95814. This workshop will specifically initiate the informal discussions to revise the regulations for the Segregated Only requirement of the new law.

CalRecycle is committed to assisting recycling centers to comply with this mandate. A sign you may display at your recycling center to inform consumers that you may only pay CRV for segregated loads of eligible materials will be mailed to all recycling centers. A printable flier with the same information is available via the following web pages:

- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/default.asp>
- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/ProgramInfo/>
- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Recyclers/>
- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/CertOperator/>
- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Processors/>
- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Consumers/>
- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Publications/>
- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Publications/Detail.aspx?PublicationID=1472>
- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Publications/Detail.aspx?PublicationID=1473>

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