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To: Beverage Manufacturers of Plastic Beverage Containers, Plastic Material Reclaimers, and Manufacturers of Postconsumer Recycled Plastic

RE: 2024 Reporting Due March 1, 2025

This letter is to notify you that Beverage Manufacturers of Plastic Beverage Containers, Plastic Material Reclaimers, and Manufacturers of Postconsumer Recycled Plastic are legally required¹ to submit annual reports regarding usage of postconsumer recycled plastic to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Reports covering the 2024 reporting period are due March 1, 2025.

A brief description of the reporting requirements and link to each reporting form are provided below.

Beverage Manufacturers of Plastic Beverage Containers that bottle, can, or otherwise fill plastic beverage containers or import filled plastic beverage containers subject to CRV for sale to distributors, dealers, or consumers are required to report the amount in pounds and by resin type of virgin plastic and postconsumer recycled plastic used by the manufacturer in plastic beverage containers for sale in the state in the previous calendar year. (PRC section 14549.3(a); Regulations section 2240(b)).

https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/120582

Senate Bill (SB) 551, signed into law on September 29, 2024, and codified at PRC section 14549.9, allows beverage manufacturers who share rights to the same brands or the products that are distributed, marketed, or manufactured by a single reporting beverage manufacturer to submit a consolidated report with aggregated information in lieu of individual reports.

https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/129672

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¹ This legal requirement is codified in Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 14549.3, and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Division 2, Chapter 5 (Regulations), Sections 2240(b), 2285, and 2295.

Plastic Material Reclaimers are required to report the amount of empty plastic beverage containers subject to the CRV collected and sold, by resin type and in pounds, and the amount of empty plastic containers sold or transferred in the state to a manufacturer for beverage processing of postconsumer recycled plastic for beverage processing, by resin type and in pounds. (PRC section 14549.3(b); Regulations section 2285).

Manufacturers of Postconsumer Recycled Plastic are required to report the amount in pounds of food-grade flake, pellet, sheet, fines, or other forms that were sold in the previous calendar year and their capacity to produce food-grade material. This report shall include the amount of food-grade plastic material offered for sale and sold that meets beverage manufacturer specification for bottle-grade material. (PRC section 14549.3(c); Regulations section 2295).

https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/126657

https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/126654

Reports may be submitted to CalRecycle by email to MarketInformation@CalRecycle.ca.gov or by mail to Statistical Information Section, Division of Recycling, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, California, 95812-4025.

CalRecycle will be available during the scheduled times as noted in **Attachment 1** to answer questions and provide assistance.

For more information on these requirements and FAQs, please visit the following webpages:

Beverage Manufacturers of Plastic Beverage Containers:

<u>Plastic Minimum Content Standards and Reporting (AB 793) - CalRecycle Home</u> <u>Page</u>

Plastic Material Reclaimers:

<u>Plastic Minimum Content Standards and Reporting (AB 793) - CalRecycle Home</u> <u>Page</u>

Manufacturers of Postconsumer Recycled (PCR) Plastic:

<u>Manufacturer of Postconsumer Recycled (PCR) Plastic Reporting Requirements - CalRecycle Home Page</u>

General Information:

Plastic Recycled Content Reporting

<u>Beverage Container Recycling Program Updates - CalRecycle Home Page</u> Beverage Container Recycling - CalRecycle Home Page

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Statistical Information Section at MarketInformation@CalRecycle.ca.gov

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Virtual Office Hours

CalRecycle staff will be available during the times listed below to answer questions. Registration is not required to participate in the sessions.

Friday, January 31, 2025

9:00 to 11:00 am Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Zoom Meeting: 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Zoom Meeting: 9:00AM to 11:00AM
- 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Zoom Meeting: 2:00PM to 3:30PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Zoom Meeting: 2:00PM to 4:00PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Zoom Meeting: 9:00AM to 11:00AM
- 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Zoom Meeting: 2:00PM to 3:30PM