



Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act Regulations

NOTICE OF 15-DAY CHANGES TO PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) proposes to revise the SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act Permanent Regulations. The proposed regulations interpret, make specific, and implement the requirements of Senate Bill No. 54 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.), the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (Stats. 2022, ch.75) (the Act), and establish various elements of CalRecycle's oversight and enforcement responsibilities under the Act. The proposed regulations will also establish the criteria and procedures necessary to implement the requirement established by Assembly Bill No. 1201 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.) (Stats. 2021, ch.504) (AB 1201) that products labeled "compostable" must be certified by third-party entities according to certain technical standards. CalRecycle intends to adopt the proposed regulations described herein after considering all recommendations, alternatives, comments, and objections regarding the proposed action.

On January 29, 2026, CalRecycle will initiate a 15-day written comment period for the proposed revisions to the SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act Permanent Regulations. This 15-day written comment period follows an initial 45-day public comment period that began on August 22, 2025 and ended on October 7, 2025. On October 7, 2025, CalRecycle held a public hearing to receive public comments. After considering the comments received from interested parties, CalRecycle decided to make revisions to the proposed regulatory language.

A copy of the proposed revised regulations is available on the [SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act Permanent Regulations - CalRecycle Home Page](#) and attached to this notice. A summary of the proposed changes is also included within this notice.

15-DAY WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

The 15-day written comment period permits any interested person, or their authorized representative, to submit written comments to CalRecycle, addressing the changes to the proposed regulations compared to the draft circulated with the 45-day comment period. These changes have been clearly demarcated. Written comments, which offer a recommendation and/or objection, or support the proposed change, should reference a

section of the proposed action to which the comment or comments are directed, and be limited to the noted changes.

CalRecycle will only consider written comments sent to CalRecycle and received during the 15-day written comment period which begins on January 29, 2026, and ends on February 13, 2026. Written comments received by CalRecycle after the close of the 15-day public comment period will not be responded to in the rulemaking file. Further, CalRecycle is only required to respond to comments that are related to the changes to the proposed regulations.

Comments submitted in writing must be addressed to one of the following:

Postal mail:

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Electronic submittal: [SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act 15-Day Comment Period](#)

In the Final Statement of Reasons, CalRecycle will respond to all relevant comments received during the initial 45-day comment period and this new 15-day comment period.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone number, email address, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS

The originally proposed regulatory language that was made available during the initial 45-day public comment period is shown as plain, clean text because it is not being made available for public comment by this notice.

The newly revised regulatory language that is being made available via this public notice is shown in single underline to indicate additions and ~~single strikethrough~~ to indicate deletions.

The revised regulatory language includes changes to section 18980.2(a)(2), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B), (a)(2)(B)(i) through (iii), and (a)(2)(C) through (G), section 18980.2.2(b)(4), section 18980.2.3(b) and (g)(1), section 18980.2.4(b), (c), and (h)(1), section 18980.2.5(f)(2), section 18980.2.6(b), section 18980.3.1(c), 18980.4(a)(4)(B), section 18980.4.1(c), section 18980.5.1(a), section 18980.5.2(a), section 18980.6.1(a), (b), and (d), section 18980.6.3(b), section 18980.6.6(a)(1), section 18980.7(b), section 18980.7.2(b), section 18980.7.5(a)(1), section 18980.8.2(b)(7), section 18980.9(a), section 18980.10(a), section 18980.10.1(c)(2), section 18980.11.1(c) and (h)(2)(C), and section 18981(c).

AVAILABILITY STATEMENTS

Availability of Initial Statement of Reasons, Text of Proposed Regulations, Information Upon Which this Proposal is Based, and Rulemaking File

CalRecycle will have the entire rulemaking file, the express terms of the proposed regulations, and all information that provides the basis for the proposed action, available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours at the address provided above. As of the date this Notice is published, the rulemaking file consists of the original Notice of Proposed Action and original text of proposed regulations that were published for a 45-day public comment period, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the documents relied upon for the proposed action, the economic and fiscal impact statement, standardized regulatory impact assessment, and this Notice and proposed revised text of the regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting the contact persons at the address, email, or phone number listed below.

Availability of Modified Text

CalRecycle may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this Notice. If CalRecycle makes modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text, with the changes clearly indicated, available to the public for at least fifteen (15) days before CalRecycle adopts the regulations as revised. Requests for the modified text should be made to the contact persons named below. CalRecycle will transmit any modified text to all persons who testify at the scheduled public hearing, all persons who submit a written comment at the scheduled public hearing, all persons whose comments are received during the comment period, and all persons who request notification of the availability of such changes. CalRecycle will accept written comments on the modified regulations for fifteen (15) days after the date on which they are made available.

Availability of the Final Statement of Reasons

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by request from the contact persons identified in this Notice or accessed through CalRecycle's website at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking.

INTERNET ACCESS

For more timely access to the rulemaking file, and in the interest of waste prevention, interested parties are encouraged to access CalRecycle's Internet webpage for the rulemaking at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking. All rulemaking files published through CalRecycle's internet website will be available on that page.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries or comments concerning the proposed rulemaking action may be addressed to:

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