

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
SB 1013 Addition of New Beverage Containers Permanent
Regulations

Updated Informative Digest

Assem. Bill No. 720 (Chapter 562 of the Statutes of 2025)

This bill authorized a beverage manufacturer, under Division 12.1 of the Public Resources Code also known as the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Act) to etch a required redemption value message on a beverage container as an additional option to prior existing law.

This bill required scan codes, quick response (QR) code, Universal Product Code (UPC), or similar machine-readable indicia carrying the CRV message to be at least 1/2 inch in size.

This bill authorized the use of a chasing arrows symbol for a recyclable beverage container on the inside of a machine-readable label in lieu of the word “deposit”, so long as the beverage container is eligible to be labeled with a chasing arrows symbol in compliance with section 42355.51 of the Public Resources Code.

This bill extended an exemption for a beverage container included within the scope of the act beginning on January 1, 2024, from the act’s labeling requirements until July 1, 2026.

This bill exempted a beverage container that was filled and labeled before July 1, 2025, from the act’s labeling requirements.

AB 1311 Bag Drop Emergency Regulations, effective August 11, 2025

The originally proposed regulatory text for these SB 1013 regulations was modified to incorporate revisions to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations from the AB 1311 Bag Drop Emergency Regulations (regulations), effective August 11, 2025, *as existing text* and these revisions are shown in plain, clean text because they were not made available for public comment by this rulemaking. Those revisions to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations occurred subsequent to CalRecycle submitting the originally proposed regulatory language for the SB 1013 Addition of New Beverage Containers Permanent Regulations to the Office of Administrative Law on August 5, 2025.

The regulations added bag drop recycling centers as a type of recycling center that allows electronic and delayed payments.

The regulations specified the application content and operational standards that apply only to bag drop recycling centers.

The regulations allowed mobile recycling, which may include mobile bag drop receptacles, to be operated by recycling centers and specified the application content and operational standards that apply only to mobile recycling.

The regulations implemented bag drop recycling centers and mobile recycling enhancements by clarifying and making specific electronic payments; the handling of bags containing materials for redemption; terms and conditions for bag drop recycling customers; applications for mobile recycling; and operational standards for mobile recycling

The regulations generally made conforming changes to replace “Division” with “Department” in any section being amended in this rulemaking action.

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The regulations standardized references to various terms such as “section”, “subdivision”, and “article”.

The regulations added additional definitions for specific terms used in the regulations.

The regulations specified that certain existing dropoff receptacles are for customers who do not want to receive payment of refund value.

The regulations clarified language relating to odd-sized containers.

The regulations established application procedures for bag drop recycling centers and a mobile unit extension of a recycling center.

The regulations established operational standards for bag drop recycling centers and a mobile unit extension of a recycling center.

The regulations prescribed requirements for terms and conditions the operator of a bag drop receptable imposes on a consumer.