
RECYCLING REGULATION AMENDMENTS

Intentions Paper-Response Form

The Ministry of Environment (the ministry) is proposing amendments to the [Recycling Regulation](#) (the regulation) of the [Environmental Management Act](#):

1. Consolidating the tracking and reporting categories for beverage containers
2. Enabling alternatives to cash only refunds for beverage containers
3. “Housekeeping” amendments

The ministry's proposed changes are described in an intentions paper provided on the ministry's product stewardship - beverage containers [website](#). This response form and consultation questions follow the structure of the intentions paper.

After review of the consultation comments, the ministry intends to introduce the regulatory amendments in early 2016.

The ministry welcomes comments on the information and proposals outlined in the intentions paper posted on the [ministry's product stewardship - beverage containers website](#).

Those interested are invited to submit comments to the ministry using this response form, or by separate submission if desired, to the Ministry of Environment by email or letter.

Recycling Regulation Amendments

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Comments should be submitted by: January 29th, 2016

All submissions will be treated with confidentiality by ministry staff and contractors when preparing consultation reports. Please note however that comments you provide and information that identifies you as the source of those comments may be publicly available if a Freedom of Information request is made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Consultation Questions

The following discussion questions are based on the ministry's intentions paper addressing amendments to the Recycling Regulation under the *Environmental Management Act*. The intentions paper can be downloaded from the ministry's product stewardship - beverage containers [website](#).

1. Reporting categories

- 1.1 Do you have comments or suggestions regarding the ministry's intention to reduce the number of beverage container categories for tracking and reporting listed in schedule 1 of the regulation?

- 1.2 Do you think it is important to maintain reporting by material type (e.g., metal, glass, plastic)?

- 1.3 Do you think it is important to maintain reporting by container size?

2. Refund alternatives

- 2.1 Do you have comments or suggestions regarding the ministry's intention to enable alternatives to cash only refunds for container returns under schedule 1 the regulation?

- 2.2 Do you have comments or suggestions to ensure integrity and reporting of the deposit and refund system if alternatives to cash only refunds are available to consumers?

3. Housekeeping amendments

- 3.1 Do you have comments or suggestions regarding the ministry's proposed housekeeping amendments to the regulation?

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4. *Additional comments*

Do you have any other comments for the ministry regarding the Recycling Regulation?

Background and Area of Interest

Please check the appropriate box as it relates to your primary interest in this topic.

- Work representing the producers of beverage containers**
- Work representing the producers of a product category other than beverage containers**
- Work involving the sale of beverages:**
Please describe (e.g., wholesale, retail):
- Work associated with a beverage container recycling depot**
- Work for local government (regional district, municipality, other):**
Please describe (e.g., planning, engineering):
- Work for a government regulatory agency (other than local):**
Please describe (e.g., federal, provincial):
- Work for a public sector organization:**
Please describe (e.g., health authority, education institution, Crown corporation)
- First Nation:** Please describe:
- Involvement or work for an environmental or community interest group:**
Please describe:
- Other interest:** Please describe:

**Thank you for your interest in the ministry and product stewardship programs
under the Recycling Regulation.**

If you wish, you may also provide contact information on the following page. This information will be compiled separately from your comments and used to inform respondents of future ministry actions related to product stewardship programs under the Recycling Regulation.

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Contact Information

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Contact Name:

Business or Organization Name (if appropriate):

Email:

Mailing address:

If you have any further questions, please contact the ministry at WastePrevention@gov.bc.ca

Please remember to return this comment form to the ministry on or before January 29th, 2016.