

## Supply approval – new conditions of approval

### The amended Act

The amended *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2014* (the Act) commenced on 30 June 2014. The Act creates requirements under the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) which will be implemented over the next 6 to 16 months.

The amended Act sees new conditions of approval come into force for holders of supply approvals.

### 24A Conditions of supply approval

- (1) The following conditions are imposed on a supply approval
- a. The containers to which the approval related must bear the approved refund marking;
  - b. In relation to each supplier arrangement, the supplier must:
    - i. If approved containers to which the arrangement relates are for sale in the Territory and display a barcode – give the CDS coordinator with whom the arrangement is made a document listing those barcodes (a **supplier barcode document**); and
    - ii. Within the prescribed period – give that coordinator a document for each quarter specifying the total number of approved containers, by reference to material types, that have been sold by the supplier in the Territory during the quarter (a **supplier sales document**).

### Supplier barcode document

A supplier bar code document lists all barcodes of approved containers that are for sale in the Northern Territory. This document must be provided to the CDS coordinator with whom a supplier has a supplier arrangement. A supplier is not required to provide the barcode data on approved containers until they are for sale in the Northern Territory. If products do not have a barcode then a barcode is not required.

Within seven days of receiving the barcode document the CDS coordinator will then be required to forward this to each of the CDS coordinators and each depot operator with whom they have an arrangement.

Access to the barcode document will assist in achieving efficiency in the CDS by allowing collection depot operators to utilise barcode reading technology for minimising manual handling of containers and maintaining accurate records.

## Supplier sales document

Supply approval holders are required to provide the CDS coordinator with whom they have an approved supplier arrangement a supplier sales document. This document contains the total number of aggregated approved containers by material type that have been sold in the Northern Territory during the immediately preceding quarter. This must be provided to the CDS coordinator within 21 days of the end of each quarter.

Once a coordinator arrangement has been approved by the NT EPA the CDS coordinators will use this information to provide each other with the anticipated number of containers to be sold in the NT during the quarter. An adjustment will be made on the anticipated sales number based on the actual sales at the end of each quarter.

Unless an alternative methodology is determined by the CDS Coordinators, the supplier sales document will enable the market share of containers sold in the Northern Territory to be calculated for the purpose of establishing the proportion of redeemed containers and their associated handling fee, transportation costs and proceeds of sales attributable to CDS coordinators.

## Further Information

A copy of the *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2014* can be found at the [NT EPA website](#).

If you would any further information please contact the NT EPA on 1800 752 632 or [containerdeposit@nt.gov.au](mailto:containerdeposit@nt.gov.au).