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NOTICE

DATE: November 12, 2014
TO: All Certified and Registered Program Participants
SUBJECT: Information Associated with Persons Importing Empty Beverage Container Material

On February 18, 2014, CalRecycle implemented the Imported Empty Beverage Container Reporting and Inspection Program (Program), in collaboration with the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Any person(s) importing empty beverage container material in excess of 25 pounds of aluminum, bimetal or plastic, or more than 250 pounds of glass are required to comply with applicable reporting, declaration, inspection, and recordkeeping requirements in the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14CCR).

In accordance with 14CCR Section 2831(a)(2), an Imported Material Report (IMR) is required to be completed and signed by the person importing empty beverage container materials for each applicable load of empty beverage containers imported into California. Completed IMRs help CalRecycle and our partners at the Department of Justice to identify persons importing empty beverage containers who may be attempting on their own or conspiring with other individuals or entities to illegally redeem the imported empty beverage container materials for California Refund Value (CRV) at certified or registered entities. Pursuant to 14CCR Section 2831.3, no person registered by the CalRecycle Division of Recycling (Division) as a curbside program or certified by the Division as a recycling center, dropoff or collection program, or community service program shall take delivery of any empty beverage container material that the person knew or should have known was imported into California. Violation of this prohibition regulation or similar regulations may subject you or your entity to civil penalties, revocation of your certification or registration, and/or criminal prosecution.

For your reference, CalRecycle is providing information reported on IMRs recently submitted by importers. The information includes the importer's name, vehicle license plate number, and type of vehicle used to import empty beverage container materials. This information is being provided to all certified or registered program participants as a preventative measure to help ensure compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, and not as a determination that these individuals redeemed or attempted to redeem imported empty beverage container materials. Only certified processors may accept imported material and shall only pay scrap value. If you are not a processor, and any of the individuals on this list, or any other individual contacts you, and/or attempts to

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sell or deliver imported empty beverage container materials to you, please contact CalRecycle at the Beverage Container Recycling fraud tip line (1-866-CAN-LOAD (226-5623)), or Investigations@CalRecycle.ca.gov, and provide any identifying information that may assist in an investigation.

The list of importers will be updated each month and can be accessed at:

<https://DORIIS.ca.gov> or

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Importation/ImporterList.pdf>

As stakeholders in California's Beverage Container Recycling Program, your cooperation in protecting the Recycling Fund is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this notice, please contact:

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