

**CONVENIENCE ZONE EXEMPTIONS AND HANDLING FEES  
PERMANENT REGULATIONS  
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TITLE 14. NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION 2. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
CHAPTER 5. DIVISION OF RECYCLING

SUBCHAPTER 6. RECYCLING CENTERS

Article 2. Handling Fees

§2516. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

(a) In addition to meeting the requirements of Section 14585 of the Act, a recycling center shall meet all of the following criteria for handling fees eligibility on the first day of the calendar month for which they are claimed. A recycling center must be:

(1) certified, operational, and accepting and paying refund value to consumers for all empty beverage container material types; and

(2) located within a convenience zone ~~which has not been exempted pursuant to Section 14571.8 of the Act~~; and

(3) a "supermarket-site" recycling center as defined in Section 14526.6 of the Act, or a nonprofit convenience zone recycler as defined in Section 14514.7 of the Act, or a rural region recycler as defined in Section 14525.5.1 of the Act; and

(4) the only certified, non-grandfathered recycling center in the convenience zone.

(b) The Division shall inspect each supermarket site, nonprofit convenience zone recycler, or rural region recycler to determine whether such sites satisfy the requirements of this section.

(c) Commencing January 1, 1993, a recycling center, which locates within a convenience zone, thereby causing a preexisting recycling center to become ineligible to receive handling fees, shall never be eligible to receive handling fees in that convenience zone. Such ineligibility shall apply to the parent company, its subsidiaries and affiliates even if the preexisting recycling center ceases to operate within the convenience zone. Such ineligibility shall also apply to the parent, the subsidiaries and the affiliates of any grandfathered recycling center which elects to begin accepting all material types.

(d) A rural region recycler may combine total monthly beverage container purchases from two or more of its convenience zone sites to establish eligibility for a single handling fee payment by submitting the following information monthly in writing:

(1) The certification numbers and addresses of the locations where receipt and/or log transactions are to be combined;

(2) The month and year of the transactions to be combined;

(3) The company name, address, contact person and business phone number, signed and dated by the contact person.

(e) The additional information required in subsection (d) shall be postmarked no later than the fifth day of the first month following the reporting month. A rural region recycler that fails to provide this information by the date specified in this subsection shall not be eligible for a single handling fee payment based on combined monthly beverage container purchases from two or more of its convenience zone sites.

(f) A rural region recycler shall submit a separate Handling Fee Application Form (Form DR-14 (1/00)) for each convenience zone site which is combined with one or more convenience zone sites to establish eligibility for a single handling fee payment.

Authority: Section 14530.5 and 14536, Public Resources Code. Reference: 14513.4, 14514.7, 14525.5.1 14526.6, 14552, 14571.8(b), 14572 and 14585, Public Resources Code.

