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TITLE 14. NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 2. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
CHAPTER 5 DIVISION OF RECYCLING
SUBCHAPTER 6. RECYCLING CENTERS

Article 3. Accounting and Reporting Requirements

§2530. REPORTING.

Recycling centers shall prepare and submit all of the following reports in accordance with the general requirements for reporting of section 2090 of these regulations.

(a) A shipping report for each delivery (of material subject to the Act) between:

- (1) the recycling center and any other recycling center; or
- (2) the recycling center and the processor; or
- (3) the recycling center and a dropoff or collection program, community service program or curbside program, as provided in subdivision (f), below.

(b) The shipping recycling center shall indicate on the shipping report all information listed under subsection 2530(e)(1) through (6), provide the shipping report containing this information to the person receiving the shipment and shall retain a completed copy; the shipping report shall accompany the material shipped, except as noted in (1) below. For shipments to processors, the recycling center shall receive a copy of the completed shipping report from the processor upon payment, pursuant to section 2430(a)(1) of these regulations.

(1) In the case of glass, recyclers may add up the daily summaries until total weight is equal to received weight and claim the corresponding redemption weight and refund value. In such cases, a shipping report need not accompany the load.

(c) The shipping report shall be based upon any receipts or log entries prepared pursuant to section 2525 above, or any shipping reports for material received by recycling centers from other recycling centers.

(d) Copies of any shipping reports for material received by a recycling center from other recycling centers, dropoff or collection programs, community service programs, or curbside programs, shall be appended to the shipping report prepared pursuant to this section.

(e) Except as provided for in subsection (f) below, a separate shipping report shall be prepared for each material type and shall include all of the following information:

- (1) The name, address, and certification number of the recycling center shipping the material as well as the name and telephone number of a contact person; and
- (2) The name and certification number of the recycling center or processor receiving the material; and
- (3) The period and the material type covered by the report; and

(4) The following information based upon the information contained in the receipts and logs and the received shipping reports:

(A) Total weight of empty beverage containers purchased by basis for refund value payment (e.g. segregated and weighed, commingled and weighed, segregated and counted).

(B) The redemption weight of the material.

(C) The total refund value.

(5) The number of attached shipping reports which pertain to material included in the shipment.

(6) The printed name, title and signature of an authorized representative of the recycling center and the date signed.

(f) For material received by the recycling center from a dropoff or collection program, community service program or curbside program, the recycling center shall prepare a separate shipping report for each material type and provide a copy of the completed shipping report to the shipping dropoff or collection program, community service program or curbside program. Shipping reports prepared pursuant to this subsection shall contain all of the following information:

(1) The name, certification or identification number for the entity shipping the material, as well as the name and telephone number of a contact person; and

(2) The name and certification number of the recycling center receiving the material; and

(3) The date the material was received and the material type covered by the report; and

(4) The received weight, excluding rejected containers, line breakage, and out-of-state containers; and

(5) The refund value paid; and

(6) The name and signature of the shipper or an authorized representative of the shipper and the date signed; and

(7) The name and signature of an authorized representative of the recycling center and the date signed; and

(8) The weight ticket date and weight ticket number; and

(9) The shrinkage deduction taken, if any.

(10) The redemption weight; and, for plastic, aluminum, and glass, collected by a curbside program, or a dropoff or collection program that meets the requirements of Section 2850, the registered curbside program or certified entity eligible for the quality incentive payment shall be identified as either the Shipper (S), or the Receiver (R) in the QIP (Quality Incentive Payment) Box.

(g) For material received by a recycling center from another recycling center, the receiving recycling center shall ensure that all the information specified in subsection 2530(f)(1) through (8) is recorded on the report and provide a copy of the completed shipping report to the shipping recycling center.

(h) To obtain handling fees, only those recycling centers eligible for such fees, as described in section 2516, shall submit a Handling Fee Application Form (Form DR-14 (1/00)) to the Division for the calendar month for which handling fees are being claimed. The Form DR-14 (1/00) shall be submitted no later than the first day of the second

month following the reporting month. Forms submitted after this date, and incorrectly completed forms, will be denied for payment and the handling fee will be forfeited for that calendar month. Forfeiture for that calendar month will not affect eligibility for subsequent months. There shall be a separate Form DR-14 (1/00) completed for each supermarket site recycling center, nonprofit convenience zone recycler, or rural region recycler which shall include all of the following information in addition to that required by section 2090 of these regulations:

- (1) The calendar month and year covered by the report; and
- (2) The name, and mailing address of the recycling center; and
- (3) The name and telephone number of a contact person; and
- (4) The certification number of the supermarket site recycling center, nonprofit convenience zone recycler, or rural region recycler; and,
- (5) A change of mailing address, ownership or a closing of the supermarket site recycling center, nonprofit convenience zone recycler, or rural region recycler; and
- (6) The weight, to the nearest tenth of a pound, of empty beverage containers, by material type, redeemed by that recycling center, at that supermarket site, nonprofit convenience zone recycler, or rural region recycler, only from consumers delivering that material during the hours the recycling center was open for business. This weight shall be taken from the receipts and logs of that recycling center for that calendar month; and,
- (7) The signature and title of an authorized representative of the recycling center in accordance with subsections 2090(d)(4) and (5) of subchapter 2 of these regulations; and
- (8) The date the application was signed.

~~(i) Each recycling center shall maintain a separate list of all purchases of more than 250 pounds of aluminum beverage containers. Such list (or legible copies of the receipts) shall be sent to the Division weekly and shall contain all of the following information, taken from the receipt prepared pursuant to section 2525(a) of these regulations:~~

- ~~(1) The receipt number for the transaction; and~~
- ~~(2) The name of the person selling the material; and~~
- ~~(3) The additional identifying information of the person selling the material; and~~
- ~~(4) The name, address, and certification number of the recycling center submitting the list; and~~
- ~~(5) The transaction date; and~~
- ~~(6) The pounds purchased on the receipt; and~~
- ~~(7) The total amount paid.~~

~~(i)~~(i) Recycling centers purchasing materials directly from more than one curbside program, dropoff or collection program, or community service program may apply to the Division to request the use of alternative methods for preparing the corresponding shipping reports. The Division shall consider each proposed alternative method and issue a written approval or denial within forty-five (45) calendar days.

- (1) In order for alternative methods to be accepted, they must be based on reasonable allocation methods.
- (2) An application for an alternative allocation method shall be denied if:

(A) The received weight of the material purchased by an entity from the recycling center is not used to calculate allocations to the curbside programs, dropoff or collection programs, or community service programs; or

(B) The recycling center does not ensure that the weight of rejected containers, line breakage, and out-of-state containers is not included in the allocated weight (this does not require a physical separation); or

(C) The recycling center does not account for each incoming load of material; or

(D) The recycling center does not inspect incoming material to verify that it is eligible for refund value payments, as specified in section 2501.

(3) Recycling centers may file a formal appeal by writing the Assistant Director for Recycling within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of a notice denying an application requesting an alternative method for shipping report preparation. Appeals submitted after this time period shall be rejected. All written appeals shall include:

(A) A copy of the notice denying the allocation method;

(B) A detailed explanation of why the determination was in error; and,

(C) Any other documentation that supports the appeal.

(4) A written decision on the appeal shall be sent to the recycling center within seven (7) calendar days of the receipt of the appeal.

Authority: Sections 14530.5(b) and 14536, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 14526.6, 14538, 14549.1 and 14585, Public Resources Code.

§2535. PAYMENTS TO CONSUMERS, CURBSIDE PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS AND DROPOFF OR COLLECTION PROGRAMS.

(a) Recycling centers shall pay on delivery the refund value for every empty beverage container not donated to the recycling center.

(b) For deliveries to a recycling center, except reverse vending machines:

(1) The consumer has the option of being paid based on count for up to 50 empty beverage containers of each material type.

(2) The recycler may pay based on count for all deliveries of empty beverage containers received from consumers.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, recycling centers shall not pay dropoff or collection, community service, and curbside programs more than the relevant commingled rate.

(d) Calculation of Payment.

(1) If the material received from consumers is segregated, as determined by the load inspection required by section 2501 of these regulations, and payment is based upon weight, payment shall be calculated by multiplying the actual weight of the empty beverage containers, by the applicable segregated refund value per pound for the relevant material type.

(2) If the payment is based on the actual number of empty beverage containers, the payment shall be based upon the following:

(A) in the case of recycling centers other than a reverse vending machine, the number of the empty beverage containers, multiplied by the refund value per empty beverage container for the relevant material type and size; or,

(B) in the case of a reverse vending machine, the number of empty beverage containers, multiplied by the refund value per empty beverage container for the relevant material type and size. If the reverse vending machine accepts empty beverage containers in gross, rather than by individual containers, and pays based on weight, the payment shall be based on the applicable refund value per pound rate.

(3) For commingled materials delivered from a dropoff or collection program, community service program or curbside program, payment shall be based on the received weight of the commingled material, excluding the weight from the line breakage, rejected out-of-state material, multiplied by the applicable commingled rate, or the Division's approved individual commingled rate.

(4) For commingled materials delivered from another recycling center, payment shall be based on the received weight of the commingled material, excluding the weight of line breakage, rejected and out-of-state material, multiplied by the applicable commingled rate.

(5) For commingled materials delivered from consumers, payment shall be based on the received weight of the material, multiplied by the applicable commingled rate.

(e) Recycling centers shall have the option to refuse to accept empty beverage containers which, in the opinion of the recycling center, are excessively contaminated with dirt, moisture, or other foreign substances ("shrinkage"). Alternatively, recycling centers may adjust downward the refund value per pound used to calculate payment by the ratio of such substances to empty beverage containers.

(f) A certified recycler shall not pay the refund value to, or claim refund value for any material received from any person, operation or entity who is not certified by the Division, delivering a load of material in excess of ~~500~~100 pounds of aluminum or plastic beverage containers, or ~~2,500~~1,000 pounds of glass beverage containers, per day. This limitation is applicable to all transactions, including those performed pursuant to section 2500(h) of these regulations.

(1) It is a violation of this Section for a recycling center to split loads in excess of the aforementioned weights, or accept during any one day an aggregate total of material in excess of the aforementioned weights from any person not certified by the Division.

Authority: Sections 14530.5 and 14536, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 14552(a), 14572 and 14572.5, Public Resources Code.