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To: All Certified Operators of Recycling Centers

Subject: Payment by Count

Effective July 29, 2004 the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 5, Section 2535(b), reads as follows:

“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.”

This means that a customer may deliver up to 50 aluminum, 50 glass, 50 bi-metal, and 50 plastic empty CRV containers per transaction and request to be paid by count for each of the beverage containers.

A customer can make more than one visit per day to a recycling center with a load of 50 empty CRV containers and request to be paid by count for each of the beverage containers.

It is your responsibility to inform your employees of this regulation. Non-compliance with this regulation may result in fines, penalties or possible decertification. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Division of Recycling will respond to consumer complaints regarding non-compliance with this regulation.

If you have any questions, you may contact CalRecycle at (916) 324-5392.