To: All Certified Processors

Subject: Important Processor Responsibilities

The purpose of this notice is to remind processors of requirements that are critical to preventing California Refund Value (CRV) payments on ineligible materials and inaccurate or improper claims. As stakeholders in California’s beverage container recycling program, one of your most important responsibilities is to ensure only proper claims are made against the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (Fund).

Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14 (14CCR) Section 2401(a), certified processors shall inspect each load of containers delivered to the processor, for which refund value is claimed, to determine whether the load is eligible for any refund value. For any load delivered to a processor from a drop-off or collection program, community service program, curbside program or recycling center, each processor taking delivery of the material shall visually inspect each load of material by monitoring the unloading and/or conveyor process to determine eligibility. Processors must have staff responsible for monitoring and inspecting all loads delivered for CRV reimbursement.

Pursuant to 14CCR 2401(e), a certified processor shall not inspect, weigh or receive a load of material subject to the Act from a recycling center unless and until the shipper’s section of the shipping report is completed. With the exception of glass shipments, the shipping report must accompany or precede the load of material delivered to the certified processor’s site. Processors shall not take delivery of a shipment and allow the recycler to complete the shipping report based on weight delivered. The shipping report must be based on receipt and log transactions, pursuant to 14CCR Section 2530(c).

Please note that if you are found in violation of these requirements you may be subject to civil penalties. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your nearest Recycling Program Enforcement Branch field office:

Sacramento Field Office - (916) 324-5392
Los Angeles Field Office – (310) 342-6100
Riverside Field Office – (951) 782-4121
San Diego Field Office – (619) 525-4345

Sincerely,

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