



DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: Beverage Manufacturers and Distributors

SUBJECT: 2017 Processing Fee Rates and New Statute

PROCESSING FEE RATE CHANGES FOR 2017

Effective January 1, 2017, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) will implement new processing fee rates.

The following table reflects the new processing fee rates. The official processing fee rate notice can be found at CalRecycle's website:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Notices/2016/ProcessFee.htm>

<i>2017 Processing Fee Rates</i>	
Aluminum	None
Glass	\$0.00219
Plastic	
#1 – PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate)	\$0.00035
#2 – HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)	\$0.00243
#3 – PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)	\$0.00630
#4 – LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene)	\$0.00910
#5 – PP (Polypropylene)	\$0.04610
#6 – PS (Polystyrene)	\$0.00180
#7 – Other	\$0.07058
Bi-metal	\$0.03022

Your company must use these rates beginning with the January 2017 reporting period. Failure to use the above rates for 2017 reporting periods will result in incorrect reports and payments.

Enclosed for your reference are the updated Historical Reporting Rate Chart and 2017 Reporting and Payment calendar.



NEW STATUTE

Public Resources Code Section 14549.3, was enacted by [AB 2530](#) (Gordon, Chapter 861, Statutes of 2016). On or before March 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, AB 2530 requires a manufacturer of a beverage sold in California, subject to the California Redemption Value (CRV), to report to CalRecycle under penalty of perjury, the amount of virgin plastic and postconsumer recycled plastic used by the manufacturer for plastic beverage containers during the previous calendar year.

To collect input effectively and to allow exchange among interested parties, the Department held an informal workshop on December 12, 2016, to discuss plastic beverage container production content issues. The presentation can be found here: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/Document.ashx?id=7480> and a recording of the workshop can be found here: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/broadcast/video/vodplayer/?id=53>

Please contact the Market Information Section at (916) 323-2558 if you have any questions.

WHISTLEBLOWER HOTLINE -- BEVERAGE MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTORS

The Division of Recycling has set up a toll-free tip hotline to report noncompliance activities of companies manufacturing, importing or distributing beverages. If you know of a company selling beverages in California who is not registered or does not appear to be in compliance, please contact us.

To report noncompliance call 1-855-380-9172 or email DORClientServices@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Please provide company name, business address and phone number, if available.