



DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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NOTICE OF LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPORTERS OF EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINER MATERIAL

Effective January 13, 2014, California state law and regulations require any person importing more than 25 pounds of aluminum, bimetals, or plastic empty beverage container material, or more than 250 pounds of glass empty beverage container material, in a motor vehicle to comply with the following requirements:

- Enter California only by way of an open and staffed California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) border inspection station and declare the empty beverage container material being imported. **IT IS ILLEGAL TO ENTER CALIFORNIA BY TAKING ROADS THAT BYPASS CDFA BORDER INSPECTION STATIONS.**
- Submit to an inspection conducted by CDFA border station agents or other appropriate officials and secure a Proof of Inspection (POI) document.
- Complete an Imported Material Report (IMR) and present it to a CDFA border station agent upon seeking entry into California. The report requires specific information about the material, point of origin, destination, vehicle, driver, trucking company, and receiver. Hardcopy IMR forms are available at all CDFA border stations, and an online version of the IMR is posted on the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) web site: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Importation/>
- If the weight of the imported empty beverage container material is more than 100 pounds, you must obtain a weight ticket issued by a licensed weighmaster and provide a copy of it at time of inspection.
- The driver of the vehicle must retain possession of both the IMR and POI while the load is being transported and provide copies upon delivery to the destination indicated on the IMR. Records must be retained for at least 5 years.
- **IT IS ILLEGAL TO DELIVER IMPORTED EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINER MATERIAL TO A REGISTERED CURBSIDE PROGRAM OR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING CENTER, DROPOFF/COLLECTION PROGRAM, OR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM.**
- **IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANY PERSON TO RECEIVE CRV FOR ANY EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINER MATERIAL THAT IS IMPORTED FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**
- **ANY PERSON(S) WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL PENALTIES, CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND/OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.**

Public Resources Code, Division 12: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Statutes/>

California Code of Regulations, Title 14: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/>

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or would like to report illegal recycling activities, please call 1-866 (CANLOAD) (226-5623) or email Investigations@CalRecycle.ca.gov.