

MILESTONE DATES FOR BEVERAGE SUPPLIERS



The NSW Government, in November 2016, amended its Waste Avoidance and Recovery Act (2001) to establish a container deposit scheme in the state. Under the provisions of this Act, beverage suppliers to consumers in NSW must enter an agreement with the appointed Scheme Coordinator and pay the costs of the scheme. Below are the critical establishment dates for the scheme, for which consumers will be able to redeem deposits from 1 December.

1 October 2017

First suppliers must enter into a Supply Arrangement with the Scheme Coordinator by 1 October 2017. A portal to access the contract and enter into this agreement will be published via this site imminently.

1 November 2017

Suppliers must start obtaining container approvals for eligible beverage containers via the CDS Portal, launching in mid-August 2017. This will be published via the EPA website. The EPA is the regulatory authority for container approvals.

First invoices will be issued to suppliers on 1 November 2017 for payment in seven calendar days and thereafter on the first of the month.

8 November 2017

Payment for first supplier invoice due to the Scheme Coordinator.

1 December 2017

Return and Earn commencement date. Consumers will be able to obtain a 10 cent refund on eligible containers presented to an authorised depot collection point or reverse vending machine.

Early 2018

The actual redemption rates from 1 December will be known by January and adjustments to invoices will be made in early 2018 invoice for the first three months of operation to reflect actual, rather than estimated redemption rates. Note: under Return and Earn, suppliers will not be charged for unredeemed deposits. The fees associated with Return and Earn are directly related to the actual efficient costs of running the scheme and paid deposits only.