

## **Rules for claiming a rebate for CDS eligible containers exported out of NSW by airlines**

The following rules are based on the premise that container beverages that are supplied into NSW and then loaded onto airlines and subsequently taken out of NSW are exported and therefore claimable under the existing export protocol.

### **What is the export protocol?**

- This is a voluntary arrangement in place to assist distributors and retailers that have received container beverages in NSW to claim the scheme contribution on any eligible containers that they subsequently export out of NSW.
- The export protocol is already in place and exporters are already able to claim for exported container beverages from the Scheme Coordinator, Exchange for Change.
- This [factsheet](#) provides a general overview on how the process works, including how to claim retrospectively from the start of the Scheme in December 2017.
- Further information including a copy of the Exporter Deed Poll and Protocol are available by visiting the [Drink Suppliers and Retailers page](#) on the website.

### **Rules for container exports on airlines**

The primary rules are as follows:

#### ***Airlines:***

For the purposes of the export protocol:

- The airline responsible for the transportation of eligible beverage containers out of NSW is determined as the exporter.
- A container is deemed to be an export at the point at which it is delivered into a secure facility (e.g. distribution centre, bonded warehouse etc) in NSW that solely supplies commercial flights.
- Empty containers coming off commercial airlines are not redeemed in NSW through a Return and Earn collection point or through a domestic Material Recovery Facility (MRF), Alternative Waste Treatment Facility (AWT), or Bottle Crushing Service Operator (BCSO) that is registered and claiming processing refunds under the NSW Scheme.

Noting that airlines have differing mechanisms for waste disposal depending on the destination of the flight and at lounges, we propose the following rules for claiming exports:

#### **International flights**

Containers going onto international flights should be considered as exported.

The EPA understands that containers unloaded from international flights are treated as quarantine waste and are crushed and compacted and managed through commercial waste facilities. These containers are not redeemed in the Return and Earn scheme.

Containers coming in from international flights, whether full or empty, must be managed as to not enter the NSW market to be claimed through the scheme or they will be treated as supplied in NSW.

### **Domestic flights**

Containers loaded onto commercial planes traveling out of NSW should be considered as exported.

The airline will be required to confirm that any full or empty containers that are returned to NSW as part of any waste disposal purposes cannot be redeemed in NSW through a Return and Earn collection point or through a domestic Material Recovery Facility (MRF), Alternative Waste Treatment Facility (AWT), or Bottle Crushing Service Operator (BCSO) that is registered and claiming processing refunds under the NSW Scheme.

### **Regional flights within NSW**

Containers that are unloaded at regional airports in NSW cannot be considered as exported.

Containers on commercial flights traveling to regional NSW airports have the possibility of entering the local waste and recycling system at the destination airport and therefore may be redeemed through a domestic MRF that is already entitled to claim refunds under the MRF Protocol.

Noting the way in which beverages circulate and recirculate from warehouses onto commercial flights and the difficulty in determining which containers end up on international, domestic and regional flights, the EPA proposes that the exporter (the airline) works closely with the Scheme Coordinator, Exchange for Change to determine a factor that can be applied to account for empty containers that are disposed of in regional airports for collection by a domestic MRF.

### **Airport lounges**

Containers supplied to lounges cannot be treated as exported.

Containers supplied to domestic and international lounges are managed through normal waste and recycling services. Therefore, empty containers can potentially end up in domestic recycling systems, where they could be claimed under the MRF protocol.

### **Further information**

If you are an airline operator requiring further information about these rules, you can contact [exporters@exchangeforchange.com.au](mailto:exporters@exchangeforchange.com.au) or phone 1800 813 887.