



Return and Earn Update

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Here's *Return and Earn's* latest update to help keep you informed about the upcoming NSW container deposit scheme's opportunities in the lead up to the Scheme's commencement on 1 December 2017.

Return and Earn News

Ernie the Wombat on your screens

Return and Earn is only weeks away from its 1 December start date and to help spread the word and raise excitement the NSW Government has launched "Ernie" the Return and Earn wombat. Ernie is currently featuring in a statewide advertising campaign with starring roles on TV, radio, print, digital and social media.

He compliments the social media campaign #doingmybit that launched on Facebook and Twitter earlier this year.

You can view and share the Ernie ad [here](#), and can follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)



Container approval reminder

All eligible containers must have been registered with and approved by the EPA by 30 November to be able to continue to be sold on 1 December 2017. Only **one** supplier needs to hold the container approval for each class of containers. This means suppliers must ensure that either they or another supplier hold the relevant container approval(s).

Class of container is generally defined by:

1. barcode
2. set of physical dimensions
3. product name
4. beverage type
5. container material type
6. container colour (for PET or glass only)



To see if your class of container has already been registered for approval with the EPA check the available [Return and Earn Container Search](#), or contact the relevant manufacturer.

The EPA will not grant a container approval until the application fee of \$80 per container is paid, and the approval process may take several days to finalise. Container approvals are valid for five years at which time suppliers will need to renew the approval.

From 1 December 2017 you cannot supply beverages in containers that have not been approved by the EPA and penalties may apply.

Have your say

Following are answers to a variety of questions emailed to the CDS Implementation Team. Further questions will be answer in future editions.

What changes will I be required to make to my product labels?

The scheme will require new refund marking requirements on eligible beverage containers however, these requirements will only commence 24 months after the refund marking is published in the Regulation. This 24-month transition period is to enable beverage suppliers to run through their existing stock. More information will be made available on the EPA's website at <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/>

Will there be a collection point near me?

Woolworths has been announced as the first retail partnership with the Network Operator TOMRA Cleanaway.. Roll out is a massive logistical exercise but many sites are already installed from Medowie to Bulli and from Vincentia to Tumut. TOMRA Cleanaway is finalising collection point locations which will be announced as they are finalised.

TOMRA Cleanaway is finalising arrangements with other collection point operators and sites. Broadly speaking there will be a collection point located at:

- remote towns of 500 people or more
- regional towns of 1000 people or more, with an additional site for more than 20,000 people
- more than 270 sites across the Greater Sydney Region

I've already registered my containers in South Australia and/or the Northern Territory. Do I still have to do something?

Yes. The South Australian and Northern Territory schemes are independent of NSW. If you are the first supplier of beverages in NSW, you need to enter into a Supply Arrangement with the Scheme Coordinator and register your containers with the EPA before 1 December 2017.

I am a pub/club/hotel/café/restaurant; do I have to provide a 10-cent refund every time a patron gives me back an empty eligible container?

No. Eligible containers can only be exchanged for a 10-cent refund or voucher at an approved collection point. Eligible containers collected by businesses while running their operations can either be exchanged by the owner for a refund at a collection point, or you can negotiate refund sharing arrangements with your waste provider.

Can I crush my cans and bottles?

No. Do not crush containers prior to redeeming your refund. The container must be readily identifiable as an eligible container to receive a refund.

Resources for you

If I have questions who can I talk to?

For **Supplier** information, including:

1. supplier invoicing (eg how am I invoiced?)
2. fee payment and methodology (e.g. how has the Scheme contribution cost been estimated?)
3. key dates for Suppliers (eg what are the key dates I need to do something?)
4. supplier obligations (eg what do I need to do to be part of the Scheme?)

contact Exchange for Change on:

Phone 1800 813 887

Email info@exchangeforchange.com.au

Web: www.returnandearn.org.au

For **Scheme** information, including:

1. container approvals (e.g. how do I apply to have my containers approved?)
2. legislation governing the Scheme (e.g. what containers are included and what are exempt?)
3. regulation of the Scheme (e.g. what are my compliance obligations?)
4. the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) protocol
5. first suppliers (e.g. am I a first supplier?)
6. eligible containers.

Contact the NSW EPA on:

Phone 131555

Email: container.deposit@epa.nsw.gov.au

(Scheme enquiries)

OR

container.approval@epa.nsw.gov.au

(container approval enquiries)

Web: www.epa.nsw.gov.au

For **Collection Point** information, including:

1. where are the collection points near me?
2. how do I become a collection point, what is the benefit?
3. can I be listed as a charity on an RVM?

Contact TOMRA Cleanaway on

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