



DATE: March 8, 2023

TO: Depot Network

RE: **Non-Deposit Off-Spec Containers**

The Beverage Container Management Board (“BCMB”) has been notified of a scrap metal recycler, called Copper & Metal Recycling, that has been purchasing large quantities of off-spec aluminum containers from manufacturers and taking them to Depots in the Calgary area for a deposit refund. In one instance the containers came from the Minhas Brewery, and it was determined by the brewery that the containers did not have a deposit associated with them. Copper & Metal Recycling was advised that this cannot occur, and they will be working with the ABCRC to be paid the scrap value of the containers.

This notice is to make Depots aware that scrap metal recyclers may attempt to return these containers to your Depot. Should a customer of a similar circumstance show up at your Depot trying to receive a refund, please do not provide one, and follow the steps below:

1. Submit a Container Validation Request (CVR) form through the Quality Monitoring System (QMS). The CVR form and a comprehensive CVR Reference Guide can be found on the BCMB website by clicking [here](#). Scroll down to Depot Resources and click on “Forms and Guides.”
2. Quarantine the containers at your depot if possible. Do not provide a refund to the customer and do not ship the containers to ABCRC until advised by the BCMB.

Provide the customer with BCMB’s phone number so they know who to contact regarding these containers. Should the customer refuse to complete a CVR or leaves with the material, please ensure that you still notify the BCMB. Provide as much detail as you can and include security images if possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact a Compliance Officer at compliance@bcmb.ab.ca

