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TO: Depot Network

RE: **Alcohol Container Registrations – New Process, Fall 2023**

As you are aware, the BCMB is undertaking a significant project to update the beverage container registration system. A key part of that project will include the transition of alcohol container registrations from Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) to the BCMB. The transition is planned for the fall of 2023.

Liquor agencies currently register products with AGLC on behalf of the alcohol manufacturers/product owners that they represent in Alberta, and AGLC then registers the containers in the BCMB registration system. The change means liquor agencies will be required to register alcohol containers **directly** with the BCMB through the new registration portal.

Having **all** container registrations completed in the new system ensures **all** beverage manufacturers (including alcohol, non-alcohol and cannabis) follow the same process for registration.

How does the Change Impact You?

Other than transitioning to the new registration portal, the change in process for liquor agencies has no direct impact on depots.

However, the alcohol registration data in the new system will be improved and consistent. The new process will ensure all alcohol container registration records are complete and meet minimum standards (e.g. images, UPCs, etc.), alleviating any inefficiencies in accessing the information in the BCMB registration portal.

The new system will also provide depots with access to data and functions not possible in the old system (e.g. updating depot business hours) and will enhance security and ensure system stability against modern threats.

Have questions?

[Click here](#) for more information on the transition, including a comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions. As the project moves forward, the BCMB will continue to provide updates and will work to ensure any inconvenience or disruption of service is minimized.

Please watch for future communications from the BCMB, and if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us at registrations@bcmb.ab.ca

