

NOTICE

TO: Depot Network

DATE: March 1, 2024

RE: **Off-Spec Product from Minhas Brewing**

It has come to the attention of the Beverage Container Management Board (“BCMB”) that **Minhas Brewing has been returning large quantities of off-spec, non-deposit bearing aluminum cans to depots in northeast Calgary.**

This notice is to make depots aware that it is a contravention of section 11.67 of the Depot By-law to knowingly accept containers which can reasonably be identified as *foreign material*, as described in the Service Agreement. **Accepting these containers and claiming a deposit refund and handling commission may result in your depot’s compliance history being forwarded to the Complaints Director.**

As has been communicated in previous notices, the indicators of off-spec material include:

- Large quantities of containers from a single manufacturer.
- Containers that appear to never have been filled.
- Containers that appear to never have been sealed.
- Unlabeled containers in large quantities.
- Containers that appear to be from out of province.

If a customer attempts to return a large quantity of off-spec Minhas Brewing containers, and you are not sure if it is a valid container, please complete the following steps:

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.
3. Provide the customer with the 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.

