Recycled Content Laws

State	California California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act	Connecticut HB 06664	Washington SB 5022, Chapter 70A.245 RCW	New Jersey S2515, P.L. 2021, c. 391	Maine PL 2021, c.742
Obligated entity (Except where otherwise indicated, obligated entities are the Producers of covered materials, generally defined in the statutes as the party responsible for complying with the applicable minimum PCR requirements.)	Beverage manufacturers and Glass container manufacturers	 Priority order of producers will be: 1. Manufacturer of the branded/ unbranded plastic beverage container and brand owner or licensee of the brand or trademark 2. Importer of record or distributor 	 Priority order of producers will be: 1. Manufacturer of the branded/ unbranded covered product 2. Brand owner or licensee of the brand or trademark 3. The importer of record or distributor 	Priority order of producers will be: 1. Manufacturer of the branded/ unbranded covered product and brand owner or licensee of the brand or trademark 2. The importer of record or distributor	Initiators of deposit, defined as manufacturer, distributors or other person required to initiate a deposit on a plastic beverage container under the state's deposit and refund value mandates.
Covered content/packages	Aluminum, glass, plastic beverage containers Plastic beverage containers subject to the California Refund Value (CRV)	Plastic beverage containers containing three liters or less of a carbonated beverage, or two and one-half liters or less of a non- carbonated beverage	Plastic trash bags, plastic beverage containers, plastic household cleaner and personal care product containers, plastic wine containers, dairy milk containers	Rigid plastic containers, paper and plastic carryout bags, plastic trash bags, plastic beverage containers, and glass containers, that are sold or offered for sale in New Jersey	Plastic beverage containers containing 4 Liters or less
Registration	Manufacturers of covered beverages are required to register individually before the initial sale or transfer of the beverages.	Producers must register individually or through a third-party representative every five years.	Producers must register annually individually or through a third-party representative	Producers must register annually individually.	Since 2015, manufacturer, distributors and retailers have been required under the Beverage Container Redemption Program to register beverage container labels and renew label registrations annually. Under the Recycled Content Law, annual
					registration fees must also be paid by the initiators of deposit who submit compliance reports related to minimum PCR contents.
Recycled content mandate	Increasing percentages of minimum PCR content over time, reaching 50% by 2030 for plastic beverage containers. Continued percentage of minimum PCR content of 35% of postfilled glass for new glass containers.	Increasing percentages of minimum PCR content in covered products over time, reaching 30% by 2032.	Increasing percentages of minimum PCR content over time, reaching 50% in plastic beverage containers by 2031, 50% in wine containers and dairy milk by 2036, 50% in household cleaning and personal care products by 2031, and 20% in plastic trash bags by 2027.	Increasing percentages of minimum PCR content over time, reaching 50% in rigid plastic containers by 2036, 50% in plastic beverage containers by 2045, 35% in glass containers by 2024, 40% in paper carryout bags by 2024, 20% in plastic carryout bags by 2024, and 10–40% in plastic trash bags by 2027.	Increasing percentages of minimum PCR content in covered products over time, reaching 30% by 2031.
Reporting obligations	 Plastic Beverage Container Manufacturer: By March 1 each year, report the amount of virgin plastic and PCR plastic used in containers. Plastic Material Reclaimers: By March 1 each year, report the amount (in pounds and by resin type) of empty plastic beverage containers collected and sold in the previous calendar year. PCR Plastic Manufacturer: By March 1 each year, report the amount (in lbs.) of food-grade recycled plastic sold in the previous calendar year. Glass Container Manufacturer: Report monthly the total tons of new glass containers made and the tons of postfilled glass used. 	Beginning on April 1, 2026, and annually thereafter: Producers must submit annual compliance reports. Report must include: (i) brand names of the plastic beverage containers, weight (in pounds) of post-consumer recycled (PCR) plastic, and (ii) weight (in pounds) of plastic that is not PCR plastic.	 Beginning on April 1, 2024, and annually thereafter: Producers of household cleaning and personal care products in plastic containers must submit annual compliance reports. Beginning on April 1, 2029, and annually thereafter: Producers of wine in 187 milliliter plastic beverage containers and dairy milk in plastic beverage containers must submit annual compliance reports. Report must include: (i) percentage of PCR and (ii) the type of virgin plastic resin used in all covered products. 	Beginning on July 18, 2025, and annually thereafter: Producers must submit annual certification that their covered containers and packaging products comply with the law or are exempt. The certification must include: (i) amount of virgin plastic, glass, or paper used and (ii) amount of postconsumer recycled material used for any covered product.	 Beginning on April 1, 2024, and annually thereafter: Initiators of deposit must submit annual compliance reports. Report must include: (i) amount of PCR plastic, (ii) amount of plastic that is not PCR, (iii) percentage of PCR in the total weight of all plastic beverage containers distributed in the previous year.
Exemption	Refillables: Refillable plastic beverages small Business Exemptions: Beverage manufacturers that sold 16,000,000 or fewer containers to a distributor, dealer, or consumer exempt from administrative penalties but not from reporting Refillable plastic beverage container.	Producers may apply for a waiver Waivers will be assessed based on a number of factors, including availability of feedstock.	Producer may request an exclusion if the producer demonstrates PCR limits are incompatible with applicable federal regulations	 Rigid Plastic Containers: Destined for locations outside the state. Contain drugs, dietary supplements, medical devices, cosmetics, toxic or hazardous products. Manufactured for shipping hazardous materials and subject to incompatible federal or UN requirements. Refillable or reusable containers. Plastic Beverage Containers: Refillable beverage containers Trash Bags: Manufactured to hold, store, or transport hazardous or medical waste. Containers or Packages: Contain milk products, plant-based products named after dairy foods, medical food, food for special dietary use, and infant formula. Food Packages or Containers: Temporarily exempted for five years until January 2027. 	Specific beverages: Containers storing milk, dairy- derived products, Maine-produced apple cider and blueberry juice, broths or soups, instant drink powders, products designed to be consumed in a frozen state, or liquid syrups, concentrates or extracts.



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