



What Retailers Need to Know

Understand what to prepare for the Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS), including when the deposit must be charged.

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Before 1 Apr 2026:



- Update your Point-of-Sale (POS) system by 1 Apr 2026 to apply the 10¢ deposit to products bearing the BCRS deposit mark. For GST-registered businesses, ensure that GST is not charged on the 10¢ deposit. Contact your POS system provider to prepare for the change and adjust your invoice or receipt as per [IRAS guidelines](#).

At launch on 1 Apr 2026:



- You may start receiving stocks with the Deposit Mark. A 10¢ deposit must be applied to each beverage product sold with the deposit mark.
- Major retailers will not be including the 10¢ deposit in price displays but will include it in the receipt. Retailers may wish to align with this approach.

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During the transition period, from 1 Apr to 30 Sep 2026:

- Regulated beverages in containers both with and without the Deposit Mark can be sold.



Beverage containers with Deposit Mark



Beverage containers without Deposit Mark

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At full implementation from 1 Oct 2026:

- For regulated beverages, only beverages in containers with the Deposit Mark can be sold.



Beverage containers with Deposit Mark



Beverage containers without Deposit Mark

PRODUCER



- Producer supplies pre-packaged beverage to Retailer
- Producer pays Producer Fee & deposit based on put-to-market volume to scheme operator

RETAILER



- Retailer pays the beverage price and deposit to Producer
- Retailer sells the pre-packaged beverage to consumer

CONSUMER



- Consumer pays the beverage price and deposit to Retailer
- Consumer returns empty container at return point

RETURN POINTS



- Return points such as Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) operated by Return Point Operators (RPOs)
- Consumer receives refund via return points such as RVMs

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or National Environment Agency at go.gov.sg/nea-feedback



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1 What counts as a regulated product

Only pre-packaged plastic and metal beverage containers between 150ml and 3,000ml are part of the scheme.

Examples of Product Covered



Examples of Product Not Covered



2 What must appear on regulated products

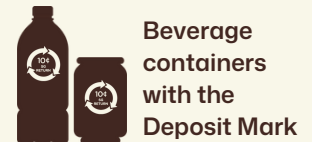


✓ A new barcode

For POS to identify regulated products in which a 10¢ deposit will be applied and allows the refund to be processed correctly at return points

✓ Deposit Mark

Shows the beverage carries a 10¢ deposit



! Only containers with a Deposit Mark can be returned for a refund.

3 The 10¢ deposit



- The 10¢ deposit is not subject to GST. For GST-registered businesses, the beverage price shall continue to be subject to GST.
- How to charge your customer: Beverage price (subjected to GST) + 10¢ deposit (not subjected to GST).
- When producers sell beverages to you, the 10¢ deposit will be included.
- Customers receive 10¢ deposit back when they return empty containers at designated return points such as Reverse Vending Machine (RVMs).



4 What retailers need to do

Before 1 Apr 2026:

- Update your Point-of-Sale (POS) system to apply the 10¢ deposit to products bearing the Deposit Mark and new barcode.
- Adjust your invoice/receipt as per [IRAS guidelines](#).

From 1 Apr to 30 Sep 2026:

- Old stock without the Deposit Mark can still be sold.

From 1 Oct 2026:

- Only regulated beverages that carry the Deposit Mark and new barcode can be sold.

💡 Please note: Major retailers will not be including the 10¢ deposit in price displays but will include it in the receipt. You may wish to align with this approach.



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What staff should look out for

- ✓ Check if beverage product between 150ml to 3,000ml in plastic or metal container has the Deposit Mark and new barcode.
- ✓ During the transition period, separately display old stock from stock with deposit mark and ensure they are displayed clearly on shelves.
- ✓ Inform customers that refunds are processed only at designated return points such as RVMs from 1 Apr 2026 onwards.

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Why this matters

Return Right helps to:

- Reduce waste
- Improve recycling rates
- Extend the lifespan of Semakau Landfill
- Your store plays an important role by helping customers return containers easily and correctly.

About Return Right

Return Right makes recycling bottles and cans simple and rewarding for everyone. A platform for dialogue and action in support of the **Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS)**, Return Right encourages the public to claim refunds for eligible containers and play an active role in closing the recycling loop.

By returning eligible containers at dedicated Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs), consumers help create a clean stream of materials that can be recycled into new products – supporting Singapore's move towards a zero-waste, circular economy.

The Scheme was first proposed by the Recycle Right Citizens' Workgroup in 2019 to strengthen household recycling and reduce waste. It applies to pre-packaged beverages in plastic and metal containers ranging from 150ml to 3,000ml. The Scheme is funded by the beverage industry and a phased rollout is underway, with a nationwide network of more than 1,000 return points to be established across Singapore.



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- For more information on the GST treatment and requirements for GST registered businesses affected by the BCRS, please visit IRAS' webpage 'GST and BCRS Deposit': go.gov.sg/iras-bcrs-deposit