

Datum	Kenmerk	Onderwerp
31 januari 2022		Statutory deposit obligation

Dear,

As from December 31, 2022, there will be a statutory deposit obligation for all metal beverage packaging that is marketed in the Netherlands. In anticipation of this, we would like to inform you about the following matters:


To which products does the deposit obligation apply to?

The deposit will be mandatory for all metal cans with a capacity of 3 litres or less, in which 'ready to drink' drinks are sold for human consumption. A more detailed explanation can be found in Appendix I.

Customize packaging

The following adjustments are necessary to make your packaging suitable for the Dutch deposit system:

- The use of the 'deposit tin' logo.
 - See Appendix II for more details regarding the use of this logo. See Appendix III for the digital files.
- Adjusting the EAN/GTIN codes to unique new codes that have not yet been put into circulation in or outside the Netherlands. This is necessary to prevent a deposit being paid for packaging for which a deposit has never been received. This will be checked by the Reverse Vending Machine (RVM).
 - Not adapting codes already present in the Netherlands or using codes that are active elsewhere in the world will result in an (to be determined) increased payment of contributions to the deposit system to cover the costs for extra packaging that is returned.
 - The definitive amounts of the increased payment for cans have yet to be determined but, to give you an idea, this principle also applies to PET bottles where the increased payment is 120% for the use of international and 150% for the use of codes already in use in the Netherlands.

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- If the EAN/GTIN code of a packaging is adjusted, all 'parent' codes must also be adjusted in accordance with the GS1 hierarchy. For instance take into account; the consumer unit, order unit and pallet unit.

We recommend that you start all preparations as soon as possible.

Schedule

Prior to the legal introduction date for a deposit on metal beverage cans, there is a transition period of a maximum of 3 months. This implies that as from 1-10-2022, you are allowed to introduce a deposit to the market on the relevant metal beverage packaging. It is your sole responsibility to come to an agreement about this with your customers. After December 31, 2022, it will no longer be legal to market metal beverage packaging without a deposit.

In the coming period we will provide you with additional information about the implementation of the deposit system for metal beverage cans, for example with regard to the financial consequences for your organization, the parties and locations that will collect the metal beverage cans, which RVMs will be used and the organization where suppliers can register their metal cans and EAN codes.

Kind regards,

Packaging Waste Fund