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AMEND: 845-020-0005

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule establishes definitions for Section 20 of Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 845, specifically rules for the Bottle Bill program.

### CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0005

Definitions ¶¶

(1) The terms defined in ORS 459A.700 have the same meaning in OAR 845-020-0005 through 845-020-0060.¶¶

(2) "Alternative Access Redemption Center" means a facility operated by a nonprofit organization and sponsored by a distributor cooperative intended to expand and enhance alternative redemption access for individuals who redeem empty beverage containers on a daily or near daily basis. An alternative access redemption center approved by the commission under this section is not a recycling depot for purposes of ORS 90.318, 459A.007, 459A.010, 459A.050 or 459A.080.¶¶

(3) "Area of a Business" means the square footage of the entire building or portion of the building leased or owned by the dealer. The area of a business only includes the retail space and not the square footage of the entire business, if:¶¶

(a) The retail space is less than 5,000 square feet;¶¶

(b) The retail space occupies less than 50 percent of the leased or owned space where retail operations are located; and¶¶

(c) The nonretail space is used in whole or in part for the manufacturing of beverages.¶¶

(34) "Can" means a metal container and does not include glass or plastic containers.¶¶

(5) "Cider" means an alcoholic beverage made from the fermentation of the juice of apples or pears that contains not less than one-half of one percent and not more than 8.5 percent of alcohol by volume, including, but not limited to, flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider.¶¶

(46) "Convenience zone" means a sector within a radius of a redemption center specified by the Commission that determines which dealers may participate in a redemption center and that impacts the number of containers a

store must accept.¶

(57) "Dealer redemption center" means a location that serves one or more dealers doing business in an area that is not part of a convenience zone specified by the Commission under ORS 459A.738, at which any person may return empty containers in bulk for beverages that were purchased in Oregon and ~~receive payment of the refund value or~~ access the refund value of the beverage containers through an accounting mechanism that is accessible on the premises and that makes the refund value available no later than one week after the person drops off the beverage containers.¶

(68) "Distributor" means every person in this state who engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers to a dealer in this state including any manufacturer who engages in such sales. "Distributor" includes manufacturers that sell beverages in beverage containers to their own retail locations.¶

(79) "Distributor cooperative" means an established organization of two or more distributors or importers that serves a majority of the dealers in Oregon.¶

(810) "Full-service redemption center" means a location that meets the requirements of ORS 459A.737, at which any person may return empty containers for beverages that were purchased in Oregon and receive payment of the refund value of the beverage containers.¶

(911) "Hard seltzer" means any sugar-based alcoholic beverage that contains carbonated water or any malt-based alcoholic beverage that contains carbonated water and is not a malt beverage, as that term is defined in ORS 471.001.¶

(102) "Kind of beverage" means the type of beverage in a container that is required to have a refund value and does not refer to the size of the container or the brand of the beverage. The "kind of beverage" categories are:¶

(a) Water;¶

(b) Carbonated soft drinks;¶

(c) All other non-alcoholic beverages (excluding dairy milk and plant-based milk, infant formula, and liquid meal replacements);¶

(d) Alcoholic beverages (excluding distilled liquor and wine); and¶

(e) Beverages containing marijuana or hemp.¶

(113) "Kombucha" means a fermented beverage that is made from tea and does not contain more than 21 percent of alcohol by volume.¶

(124) "Liquid Meal Replacement" means a ready-to-drink liquid with caloric and nutritional value intended to replace a regular meal.¶

(135) "Milk" means a beverage that designates milk as the predominant (first) ingredient in the ingredient list on the container's label.¶

(146) "Person." As used in OAR 845-020-0005 through 845-020-0060, unless the context requires otherwise, "Person" includes individuals, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships, and joint stock companies.¶

(157) "Plant-Based Milk" means a beverage consisting of plant material suspended in water that imitates dairy milk and designates the plant-based milk as the predominant (first) ingredient in the ingredient list on the container's label.¶

(168) "Wine" means any fermented vinous liquor or fruit juice, or other fermented beverage fit for beverage purposes that is not a malt beverage, containing ~~more~~ not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume and not more than 21 percent of alcohol by volume. "Wine" includes fortified wine, cider over 8.5 percent alcohol by volume, and mead. "Wine" does not include cider that is not more than 8.5 percent of alcohol by volume, hard seltzer, or kombucha.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A, 459.992(4), 471.030, 471.730(1) ~~&~~, 471.730 (5)

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.725

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule specifies which containers are exempt from the Bottle Bill and are not eligible for redemption or labeling as refundable.

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0016

Container Exemptions

(1) Every beverage container sold or offered for sale in Oregon shall have a refund value unless exempt under ORS 459A.705 or these rules. ¶

(2) Beverage containers with the following beverage types are exempt:¶

(a) Distilled Spirits;¶

(b) Wine in a container other than a can;¶

(c) Milk and plant-based milks;¶

(d) Infant formula; and¶

(e) Liquid meal replacements.¶

(3) The following container sizes are exempt from having a refund value:¶

(a) Any malt beverage, water, or carbonated soft drinks, kombucha, or hard seltzer beverage container that holds more than three fluid liters;¶

(b) Wine in a can that holds less than four ounces or over one and one-half liters; and¶

~~(b)~~(c) Any other beverage container that holds under four ounces or over one and one-half liters.¶

(4) Any container types other than metal, glass, and plastic bottles and cans are exempt from having a refund value, including the following:¶

(a) Metal containers that require a tool to be opened;¶

(b) Foil pouches;¶

(c) Cartons; and¶

(d) Drink boxes.¶

(5) Manufacturers of kombucha, hard seltzer, oral electrolyte replacement beverages, and any beverage that does not meet the definition of milk or plant-based milk will have until January 1, 2021 to have these containers labeled with the refund value. Until that date, these containers are redeemable and a container that contains one of these beverages may be sold or offered for sale in Oregon regardless of the refund value or lack of refund value indicated on the containers.¶

(6) Manufacturers of wine in a can may include refund value on their labels, these containers are redeemable, and wine in a can may be sold or offered for sale in Oregon regardless of the refund value or lack of refund value indicated on the containers until October 1, 2026.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A, ORS 459A.702

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.702, 459A.705

RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes requirements, including annual registration, for full-service redemption centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0020

Full-Service Redemption Centers

(1) The Commission shall approve a full-service redemption center if it finds the redemption center provides a convenient service to consumers for the return of empty beverage containers. The Commissioners delegate to the Administrator the authority to grant or deny redemption center applications in accordance with this rule.¶

(2) The Commission considers the following factors in determining whether or not a full-service redemption center provides a convenient service to consumers for the return of empty beverage containers:¶

(a) Location of the redemption center;¶

(b) Kinds of beverage containers accepted at the redemption center;¶

(c) Dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will be served by the redemption center and their distance from the redemption center;¶

(d) Dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will not be served by the redemption center and their distance from the redemption center.¶

(e) Days and hours of operation of the redemption center;¶

(f) Parking facilities serving the redemption center;¶

(g) Evidence showing that the redemption center will be located in an area zoned for commercial or industrial use under state statute or local ordinance or will be located in an area that will provide more convenient service given the proximity of the location to the dealers within the ~~convenience zones~~;¶

~~(h) Evidence that the applicant has notified the state Senator and state Representative in whose districts the full-service redemption center will be located of the proposed full-service redemption center and the applicant's plan for community engagement;¶~~

(h) Evidence that the applicant has notified the state Senator and state Representative in whose districts the full-service redemption center will be located of the proposed full-service redemption center and the applicant's plan for community engagement;¶

(i) The cap, if any, on the number of beverage containers per person per day that the redemption center will accept;¶

(ij) Payment method(s) offered by the redemption center for redeemed beverage containers;¶

(~~jk~~) The projected volume of beverage container returns at the redemption center as compared to the actual returns at the dealers to be served by the redemption center; and¶

(~~kl~~) A description of how consumers will be notified of the redemption center's location, services, and service hours.¶

(3) Annual Registration. Once a full-service redemption center is approved by the Commission, the person responsible for the operation of the full-service redemption center must register with the Commission and pay the prescribed fee by July 1 of each calendar year for the upcoming year.¶

(a) The annual registration form will be furnished by the Commission. The registration form will not be considered complete unless the person responsible for the operation of the redemption center provides the Commission with the following:¶

(A) A list and exact address of each redemption center the person is responsible for operating during the upcoming year;¶

(B) The fee for each full-service redemption center the person is responsible for operating; and ¶

(C) Any additional information needed to process the registration.¶

(b) The Commission will withdraw its approval of the redemption center if a person responsible for operating the redemption center fails to submit the required information or pay the required fee by July 1 of each year. Once the Commission withdraws its approval, the redemption center will be required to cease all operations until the required information or required fee is submitted.¶

(4) Full-Service Redemption Center Convenience Zones. For each full-service redemption center, the Commission must specify up to two convenience zones. Full-service redemption centers are not required to have a second convenience zone. ¶

(a) The first convenience zone must be the sector within a radius of not more than two miles around the full-service redemption center. ¶

(b) The second convenience zone must be the sector beginning at the border of the first convenience zone and continuing to a radius of not more than three and one-half miles around the full-service redemption center.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A.735

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.735



AMEND: 845-020-0025

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes the application and approval criteria for full-service redemption centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0025

Application for Approval for a Full-Service Redemption Center ¶

Any person desiring approval of a full-service redemption center shall make application to the Commission upon forms to be furnished by the Commission. The application shall include the following and such additional information as the Commission may require:¶

- (1) Name and address of each person to be responsible for the establishment and operation of the redemption center;¶
- (2) Exact location and mailing address of redemption center;¶
- (3) Kinds of beverage containers that will be accepted at the redemption center;¶
- (4) Names and addresses of the dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will be served by the redemption center;¶
- (5) Names and addresses of the dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will not be served by the redemption center;¶
- (6) Distances from the redemption center to the dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will be served;¶
- (7) Distances from the redemption center to dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will not be served;¶
- (8) Days and hours of operation of the redemption center;¶
- (9) Description of parking facilities to serve the redemption center;¶
- (10) Evidence showing that showing that a redemption center will be located in an area zoned for commercial or industrial use under state statute or local ordinance or will be located in an area that will provide more convenient service given the proximity of the location to the dealers within the full-service redemption center convenience zones;¶
- (11) The cap, if any, on the number of beverage containers per person per day that will be accepted at the redemption center;¶
- (12) Payment method(s) for redeemed beverage containers;¶
- (13) The projected volume of beverage container returns at the redemption center as compared to the actual returns at the dealers to be served by the redemption center; and¶
- (14) A description of how consumers will be notified of the redemption center's location, services, and service hours.¶
- (15) The Commission shall provide a 30-day public comment period before concluding that a full-service redemption center provides a convenient service to the public for the redemption of beverage containers. The commission may consider public comment when determining whether a full-service redemption center provides a convenient service to consumers for the return of empty beverage containers.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A.735, ORS 459A.737

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.735

AMEND: 845-020-0027

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/28/2025

RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes the requirements and responsibilities of operating a dealer redemption center.

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0027

#### Dealer Redemption Centers

(1) Requirements. An individual may establish a dealer redemption center to serve one or more dealers doing business in an area that is not part of a full-service redemption center convenience zone specified by the Commission under ORS 459A.738 and 845-020-0020(4). An individual operating a dealer redemption center must:

(a) Provide a secure drop-off service at no charge for empty beverage containers to be returned by any person for the refund value established by ORS 459A.705 in a bag or other bulk return container sold for that purpose;

(b) Provide an accounting mechanism by which a person may redeem the refund value of beverage containers returned in bulk ~~either immediately in cash from a dealer participating in the dealer redemption center or and~~ access the refund value of the beverage containers through an accounting mechanism that is accessible on the premises and that makes the refund value available no later than one week after the person drops off the beverage containers are dropped off;

(c) Be serviced by a distributor cooperative for purposes of transporting and processing redeemed beverage containers;

(d) Be available for persons to return beverage containers to the dealer redemption center during any time that a participating dealer is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the dealer where the dealer redemption center is located must accept beverage containers and pay the refund value pursuant to ORS 459A.710 and ORS 459A.715 at all hours the dealer is open; and

(e) Be of a sufficient capacity to provide a convenient service to the public as the Commission may determine.

(2) Distributor Cooperative Responsibilities.

(a) A distributor cooperative that services a dealer redemption center must provide notice to the Commission no later than 14 days after the date that a dealer redemption center:

(A) Begins providing drop-off service to persons for the return of empty beverage containers; or

(B) Ceases operations.

(b) A distributor cooperative that services a dealer redemption center must annually provide the Commission the names and addresses of the dealers served by all dealer redemption centers serviced by the distributor cooperative and such additional information as the Commission may require.

(3) Dealer Redemption Participation.

(a) Any dealer doing business within a dealer redemption center convenience zone established by the Commission may participate in and be served by the dealer redemption center if the dealer pays the cost of participation.

(b) Any dealer doing business with an established dealer redemption center convenience zone that pays the cost of participating may refuse to accept and to pay the refund value of more than 24 individual empty beverage containers returned by any one person during one day.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this rule, a dealer that establishes a dealer redemption center at the dealer's location within the limits of a city with a population greater than 500,000 may refuse to accept and to pay the refund value of individual empty beverage containers at that location.

(4) Dealer Redemption Center Convenience Zones. If a dealer redemption center is established in a city having a population of less than 10,000 people, the Commission shall specify a dealer redemption center convenience zone of the sector within a radius of not more than one mile around the dealer redemption center.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A, 2019 OL Ch. 279

Statutes/Other Implemented: 2019 OL Ch. 279

RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes requirements and responsibilities for alternative access redemption centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0028

Alternative Access Redemption Centers

(1) The Commission shall approve an Alternative Access Redemption Center if it finds the redemption center will provide alternative redemption access opportunities for individuals who redeem empty beverage containers on a daily or near daily basis. The Commissioners delegate to the Administrator the authority to grant or deny redemption center applications in accordance with this rule.¶

(2) The Commission considers the following factors in determining whether or not an alternative access redemption center provides a convenient service to consumers for the return of empty beverage containers:¶

(a) The location of the Alternative Access Redemption Center;¶

(b) Dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will be served by the redemption center and their distance from the redemption center;¶

(c) Dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will not be served by the redemption center and their distance from the redemption center.¶

(d) The services to be provided by the alternative access redemption center and the equivalent services required to be provided by a dealer that does not participate in, and is not served by, the alternative access redemption center;¶

(e) The kind of empty beverage containers that the alternative access redemption center must accept;¶

(f) The cap, if any, on the number of beverage containers per person per day that the redemption center will accept;¶

(g) Payment method(s) offered by the redemption center for redeemed beverage containers;¶

(h) The projected volume of beverage container returns at the redemption center as compared to the actual returns at the dealers to be served by the redemption center; and¶

(i) A description of how consumers will be notified of the redemption center's location, services, and service hours.¶

(j) Whether the alternative access redemption center will be located in an area zoned for commercial or industrial use under state statute or local ordinance or will be located in an area that will provide more convenient service given the proximity of the location to the dealers within the convenience zones to be served by the redemption center;¶

(k) Evidence that the applicant has notified the state Senator and state Representative in whose districts the alternative access redemption center will be located of the proposed alternative access redemption center and the applicant's plan for community engagement; and¶

(l) Such other considerations to ensure that the alternative access redemption center will provide alternative redemption access opportunities for individuals who redeem empty beverage containers on a daily or near daily basis.¶

(3) An Alternative Access Redemption Center:¶

(a) May not refuse to accept and to pay the refund value of up to 350 individual empty beverage containers, as established by ORS 459A.705, returned by any one person during one day;¶

(b) Must provide hand counting of up to 50 individual empty beverage containers returned by any one person during one day for the refund value established by ORS 459A.705;¶

(c) May provide drop off service for at least 125 individual empty beverage containers returned by any one person during one day for the refund value established by ORS 459A.705, and may provide an accounting mechanism by which the person may redeem the refund value of the beverage containers at a later date; and¶

(d) May provide other services as determined necessary by the nonprofit organization that operates the alternative access redemption center.¶

(4) Alternative Access Redemption Center Convenience Zone must be the sector within a contiguous area of not more than three and one-half miles around the alternative access redemption center.¶

(5) A mobile or satellite redemption site shall be located within an area that extends from the outer edge of the convenience zone specified for the alternative access redemption center with which the satellite or mobile redemption site is associated to a boundary that is no more than five miles from the alternative access redemption center at any point.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A, 471.030

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.718, 459A.738, 459A.741



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RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes the application and approval criteria for alternative access redemption centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0029

Application for Approval for an Alternative Access Redemption Center

(1) Any nonprofit organization desiring approval of an Alternative Access Redemption Center shall make application to the Commission upon forms to be furnished by the Commission. The application shall include the following and such additional information as the Commission may require:¶

(a) Name and address of the nonprofit organization to be responsible for the establishment and operation of the redemption center:¶

(b) Name and address of the sponsoring distributor cooperative:¶

(c) Kinds of beverage containers that will be accepted at the redemption center:¶

(d) Names and addresses of the dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will be served by the redemption center:¶

(e) Names and addresses of the dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will not be served by the redemption center:¶

(f) Distances from the redemption center to the dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will be served:¶

(g) Distances from the redemption center to dealers occupying 5,000 or more square feet within a redemption center zone that will not be served:¶

(h) Days and hours of operation of the redemption center:¶

(i) The services to be provided by the alternative access redemption center and the equivalent services required to be provided by a dealer that does not participate in, and is not served by, the alternative access redemption center:¶

(j) Evidence showing that the alternative access redemption center will be located in an area zoned for commercial or industrial use under state statute or local ordinance or will be located in an area that will provide more convenient service given the proximity of the location to the dealers within the convenience zones:¶

(k) Such other provisions to ensure that the alternative access redemption center will provide alternative redemption access opportunities for individuals who redeem empty beverage containers on a daily or near daily basis.¶

(l) The cap, if any, on the number of beverage containers per person per day that will be accepted at the redemption center:¶

(m) Payment method(s) for redeemed beverage containers:¶

(n) The projected volume of beverage container returns at the redemption center as compared to the actual returns at the dealers to be served by the redemption center; and¶

(o) A description of how consumers will be notified of the redemption center's location, services, and service hours.¶

(2) The Commission shall provide a 30-day public comment before concluding that an alternative access redemption center provides a convenient service to the public for the redemption of beverage containers. The commission may consider public comment when determining whether an alternative access redemption center provides a convenient service to consumers for the return of empty beverage containers.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A., 471.030

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.718, ORS 459A.738, ORS 459A.741

ADOPT: 845-020-0033

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes requirements for mobile or satellite redemption centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0033

Mobile or Satellite Redemption Centers

(1) In addition to the alternative access redemption center, a nonprofit organization that operates an alternative access redemption center, with the support of the sponsoring distributor cooperative, may apply to the commission for approval of one or more mobile or satellite redemption sites.¶

(2) The commission may approve a mobile or satellite redemption site if the commission determines that the site will provide convenient alternative redemption access opportunities for individuals who redeem empty beverage containers on a daily or near daily basis.¶

(3) At the time of approving a mobile or satellite redemption site, the commission may specify a convenience zone in the area surrounding a mobile or satellite redemption site.¶

(4) A mobile or satellite redemption site must:¶

(a) Maintain consistent service hours and days at fixed points within the convenience zone specified for the mobile or satellite redemption site; and¶

(b) Provide the refund value of beverage containers in cash at the time of redemption.¶

(5) Nothing in this rule prohibits the operator of an alternative access redemption center from offering additional redemption services outside of the area of an alternative access convenience zone or a mobile or satellite convenience zone.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A, 471.030

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.718, ORS 459A.738, ORS 459A.741

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule describes the application requirements for mobile or satellite redemption centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0034

Application for Approval for a Mobile or Satellite Redemption Site

(1) Any nonprofit organization desiring approval of a Mobile or Satellite Redemption Site shall make application to the Commission upon forms to be furnished by the Commission. The application shall include the following and such additional information as the Commission may require:¶

(a) The name and address of the nonprofit organization responsible for the establishment and operation of the mobile or satellite redemption site;¶

(b) The name and address of the sponsoring distributor cooperative;¶

(c) The kind of empty beverage containers that will be accepted at the mobile or satellite redemption site;¶

(d) Names and addresses of the dealers to be served by the mobile or satellite redemption site; and¶

(e) Evidence that the applicant has notified the state Senator and state Representative in whose districts the mobile or satellite redemption center will be located of the proposed mobile or satellite redemption center and the applicant's plan for community engagement;¶

(2) The Commission shall provide a 30-day public comment period before concluding that a mobile or satellite redemption site provides a convenient service to the public for the redemption of beverage containers. The commission may consider public comment when determining whether a mobile or satellite redemption site provides a convenient service to consumers for the return of empty beverage containers.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A, 471.030

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.718, ORS 459A.738, ORS 459A.741

AMEND: 845-020-0035

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RULE SUMMARY: The 2022 Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 1520, which directs OLCC to develop and provide signage to dealers describing the reasons a dealer may refuse to accept and to pay the refund value for empty beverage containers. The notices may contain additional information as determined by OLCC. This section was later amended by Senate Bill 992 (2025).

CHANGES TO RULE:

845-020-0035

When Dealer Not Required to Accept Containers ¶¶

(1) The Commission does not interpret ORS 459A.710 to require a dealer to accept an empty beverage container, if:¶¶

(a) The area of the business occupies a total enclosed space of 5,000 or more square feet in a single location and has not offered the kind of beverage for sale within the past six months;¶¶

(b) The area of the business occupies a total enclosed space of less than 5,000 square feet in a single location and has not offered the kind, size, and brand of beverage for sale within the past six months;¶¶

(c) The dealer has reasonable grounds to believe the beverage was sold at retail outside Oregon;¶¶

(d) The dealer has reasonable grounds to believe that the container was obtained from or through a distributor without paying the refund value. The primary goal of this subsection is to prevent distributors, recyclers or others from putting containers through the refund/return system more than once without paying the refund value; or¶¶

(e) The dealer has reasonable grounds to believe that the container has already been redeemed, such as through a reverse vending process.¶¶

(2) Dealers must not use this rule to frustrate the requirement of the Beverage Container Act that requires dealers to accept return of beverage containers. If a person attempts to return a fewer number of redeemable beverage containers than the number stated in (4) below, the dealer must accept those containers. A dealer is not prohibited from accepting more beverage containers than the applicable amount.¶¶

(3) Dealers must post a notice about the requirement to accept beverage container returns, provided to the dealer by the Commission, in each area where beverage containers are received. The notice must be clearly visible to customers returning containers. Dealers may copy the provided notice, but may not modify it.¶¶

~~(4) Dealers must accept return of:¶¶~~

~~(a) 144 beverage containers sold in Oregon from any person in any one day at all hours the dealer is open for business, if the dealer occupies a total enclosed space of 5,000 or more square feet in a single location and is not in a redemption center zone;¶¶~~

~~(b) 144 beverage containers sold in Oregon from any person in any one day at all hours the dealer is open for business if the dealer occupies a total enclosed space of 5,000 or more square feet in a single location, is in a full-service redemption center zone, and is approved by the Commission for an exemption under ORS 459A.738(5)(c);¶¶~~

~~(c) 50 beverage containers sold in Oregon from any person in any one day at all hours the dealer is open for business, if the dealer occupies a total enclosed space of less than 5,000 square feet in a single location and is not in a full-service redemption center zone;¶¶~~

~~(d) 24 beverage containers sold in Oregon from any person in any one day at all hours the dealer is open for business if the dealer occupies a total enclosed space of 5,000 or more square feet in a single location, is in zone 2 of a redemption center, and participates in that redemption center;¶¶~~

~~(e) 24 beverage containers sold in Oregon from any person in any one day at all hours the dealer is open for business if the dealer occupies a total enclosed space of less than 5,000 square feet in a single location and is in a full-service redemption center zone;¶¶~~

~~(f) 24 beverage containers sold in Oregon from any person in any one day at all hours the dealer is open for business if a dealer establishes a dealer redemption center and if a dealer participates in a dealer redemption center; or¶¶~~

~~(g) Up to 350 beverage containers sold in Oregon from any person in any one day at all hours the dealer is open for business if the dealer occupies a total enclosed space of 5,000 or more square feet in a single area, is in a full-service redemption center convenience zone, and does not participate in that redemption center. This requirement is in addition to other equivalent services to the redemption center that the dealer must provide as specified in ORS 459A.738(5).~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 459A.73805, ORS 459A.715, ORS 459A.70538

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 459A.738, 2022 Oregon Laws Ch. 80