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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2): State of California

2. Agency responsible:

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle); State of California

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [X], 7.2 [], Other:
- 4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Beverage containers; Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Recycling (ICS code(s): 13.030.50); Bottles. Pots. Jars (ICS code(s): 55.100); Cans. Tins. Tubes (ICS code(s): 55.120); Plastics (ICS code(s): 83.080)
- 5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): SB 1013 Addition of New Beverage Containers Permanent Regulations; (30 page(s), in English)

Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25 05431 00 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25 05431 01 e.pdf

6. Description of content: Proposed rule - The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is proposing permanent regulations per Public Resources Code sections 14530.5 and 14536 in response to Senate Bill (SB) 1013 (2021–22 Regular Session) that would incorporate the new beverages and beverage containers into the regulatory framework of the Beverage Container Recycling Program (BCRP) as part of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14.

CalRecycle will hold a hybrid public hearing on 30 September 2025 starting at 10:00 AM Pacific Time.

CalRecycle Headquarters

Byron Sher Auditorium

1001 I street, 2nd floor

Sacramento, California

The Byron Sher Auditorium is wheelchair accessible.

The public hearing will also be accessible virtually via Zoom, and **registration will be required**. Register to attend virtually via Zoom: <u>advance registration</u>. Registration is free.

To observe the public workshop public hearing via Webcast, please go to the <u>Public Meeting Live Webcasts webpage</u>. Webcast participants will not be able to provide comments through the Webcast. For those participating remotely and who anticipate providing comments, it is recommended to join through Zoom. No registration is necessary to view the Webcast.

Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be available in person at the hearing and remotely via Zoom or Webcast. For in-person interpretation services, headsets will be available and can be provided by CalRecycle staff prior to or during the workshop. If interpretation services are needed in a language other than Spanish, please notify CalRecycle at Regulations@calrecycle.ca.gov by 22 September 2025, and they will do their best to accommodate such requests.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

California Notice Register No. 33-Z, 15 August 2025, pages 1025-1032:

 $\frac{\text{https://oal.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/166/2025/08/2025-Notice-Register-No.-33-Z-August-15-2025.pdf}{\text{2-August-15-2025.pdf}}$

SB 1013 Addition of New Beverage Containers Permanent Regulations: https://calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking/newcontainers/

Notice of Proposed Action: https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/131136
Proposed Regulation Text: https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/131139

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 30 September 2025

[] 60 days from notification

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <u>USA TBT Enquiry Point</u>. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by <u>4pm Eastern Time</u> on 30 September 2025 will be shared with CalRecycle if received within the comment period.

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov