

ACT 285, HLS 2007
Changes to Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Law

The following is a summary of changes for manufacturers, distributors, and dealers to review.

Size Increase To 68 Fluid Ounces

Increases the volume limit of deposit beverage containers from 64 to 68 fluid ounces. All eligible deposit beverage containers sized 64 – 68 fluid ounces will be required to be labeled with the HI 5¢ refund value by March 1, 2008. Below is a timeline for the phase-in of deposit containers sized 64 – 68 fluid ounces.

December 1, 2007
Labeling Begins. Distributors and dealers may begin labeling eligible deposit beverage containers sized 64 – 68 fluid ounces with the HI 5¢ refund value. Labeled containers shall not be sold to consumers prior to December 1, 2007.
Recycling Begins. Consumers may begin to recycle containers sized 64 – 68 fluid ounces for refunds regardless if the containers are labeled with the refund value or not.
March 1, 2008
Label Required. Every deposit beverage container holding up to 68 fluid ounces shall be labeled with the HI 5¢ refund value.
Only Labeled HI 5¢ Containers Can Be Recycled. Consumers may only recycle containers holding up to 68 fluid ounces for refunds if the containers are labeled with the HI 5¢ refund value.

Labeling Clarification

Containers that do not meet the definition of a deposit beverage container shall not be labeled with the HI 5¢ refund value.

Reporting Clarification

Report and payment of the deposit beverage container fee and deposit shall be based on the net number of deposit beverage containers sold, donated, or transferred.

A copy of ACT 285 is located at: <http://www.hi5deposit.com/rulesregs.html>.

For more information about the Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Program contact the State of Hawaii, Department of Health at (808) 586-4226, or visit the website at www.hi5deposit.com.