

Regulated containers

Fact sheet

Listed below are regulated containersⁱ that require approval under the *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011*.

For more information on the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) visit www.ntepa.gov.au, phone 1800 752 632 or email containerdeposit@nt.gov.au.

Non-alcoholic beverages			
BEVERAGE TYPE	CONTAINER MATERIAL	CONTAINER CAPACITY	
		INCLUDED IN CDS	NOT INCLUDED
Carbonated soft drinks	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Non-carbonated, soft drinks: including (but not limited to) fruit/juice based drinks (containing less than 90% juice), 'sports' drinks, 'vitamin' drinks, 'energy' drinks, ready to drink cordials, drinking yoghurts, probiotics, kefir and kombucha.	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Pure fruit/vegetable juice: means a liquid containing at least 90% fruit juice and/or vegetable juice.	All	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
Flavoured milk: milk to which flavour has been added (milk being cow's milk or the milk of any other animal, soy milk, ultra heat-treated milk, low fat milk, etc.).	All	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
Water: plain, still or carbonated spring water, mineral water and any other water intended for human consumption.	Aseptic packs / casks (combination of cardboard and/or plastic and/or foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
	Other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unflavoured milk Concentrated fruit and/or vegetable juice intended to be diluted before consumption Health tonic included on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods Cordial (undiluted) 	All	Nil	All

Alcoholic beverages			
BEVERAGE TYPE	CONTAINER MATERIAL	CONTAINER CAPACITY	
		INCLUDED IN CDS	NOT INCLUDED
Beers / ales / stout	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Wine (straight wine): a beverage produced by the fermentation of grapes that contains only grapes and no other beverages. Includes de-alcoholised wine (alcohol has been removed from the wine) but does not include non-alcoholic grape juice which has not undergone fermentation process.	Aluminium	All	Greater than 3 litres
	Plastic	Less than 250ml	250ml or greater
	Glass	Nil	All sizes
	Aseptic packs / casks (combination of cardboard and/or plastic and/or foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
	Sachets (plastic and/or foil)	Less than 250ml	250ml or more
Wine-based beverages (flavoured alcoholic beverages with a wine base): any beverage that contains wine plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours. This can include (but is not limited to): fruit-flavoured wine, wine coolers, ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs).	Aseptic packs / casks (combination of cardboard and/or plastic and foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
	Other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Alcoholic beverages: derived from fruit or other substances (cider, alcoholic lemonade, plum wine, sake, etc.).	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Spirituos liquor (excluding ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages): a liqueur or other alcoholic beverage produced by distillation (e.g. brandy, gin, rum, vodka, whisky).	Glass	Nil	All
	Other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Spirit-based beverages (flavoured alcoholic beverage with a spirit base): any beverage that contains spirituous liquor plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours. This can include (but is not limited to) 'alcopops', ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs) and spirit-based beverages sold in casks.	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres

ⁱ This list is intended as a guide and may not include every beverage type and container covered by the CDS. Please contact the NT EPA if you are unsure whether your container requires approval.