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In reply, please refer to:
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TO: Deposit Beverage Dealers

FROM: Deposit Beverage Container Program
Department of Health

DATE: May 31, 2005

SUBJECT: Dealer (Retailer) Requirements for the Hawaii Deposit Beverage
Container Program

This notice serves as a reminder of dealer requirements for redemption center operations for the Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Recycling Program, contained in Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS) Ch. 342G.

Dealers who sell deposit beverages and who do not meet the following exemption criteria, contained HRS 342G-113(b)*, are required to operate a redemption center by July 1, 2005:

- (1) [A dealer] Who is located in a high density population area as defined by the director in rules, and within two miles of a certified redemption center that is operated independently of a dealer;
- (2) [A dealer] Who is located in a rural area as defined by rule;
- (3) [A dealer] Who subcontracts with a certified redemption center to be operated on the dealer's premises;
- (4) [A dealer] Whose sales of deposit beverage containers are only via vending machines;
- (5) [A dealer] Whose place of business is less than five thousand square feet of interior space;
- (6) [A dealer] Who can demonstrate physical or financial hardship, or both, based on specific criteria established by rule; or
- (7) [A dealer] Who meets other criteria established by the director.

* Full text of the law may be accessed at: www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol06_Ch0321-0344/HRS0342G/, beginning with section 342G-101.

The department requires that all deposit beverage retailers to determine their own status regarding these requirements. A map indicating high-density urban areas, as well as a list of all active Oahu redemption center addresses is enclosed with this letter. Mobile redemption units currently being hosted by various dealers are not considered adequate redemption coverage for the purposes of making this determination. This is because the mobile units are being hosted on a temporary or trial basis.

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Please indicate your determination on the enclosed report form and return the completed form to the department at the indicated address. Please contact deposit program staff at (808) 586-4226 with any questions.

Also, please note that exemptions based on existing coverage by a certified redemption center (CRC) within two miles of a retail location is contingent upon continued operation of the CRC. If at any point, following July 1, 2005 a CRC closes down or is no longer operational, all retail stores previously covered by the operations of that center, and that satisfy the requirements as set forth in HRS 342G, must provide redemption services.

Enclosures

- 1) Map of high density urban areas indicating operating certified redemption centers
- 2) List of active redemption centers with addresses
- 3) Determination Report Form