

# F.A.Q. Hawaii Advance Disposal Fee

## 1. What is the Department of Health (DOH) Advance Disposal Fee (ADF) Program?

Effective since September 1, 1994, the Hawaii ADF program (Chapter 342G, Part VII, HRS) is a statewide glass recovery program designed to divert glass from the waste stream towards recycling. The ADF program is separate from the state's Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) Program (Chapter 342G, Part VIII, HRS) and only applies to non-deposit beverage glass.

## 2. Who is required to register with the ADF program?

Any person, including federal agencies and military distributors, engaged in the manufacture of glass containers within, or who imports glass containers into, Hawaii must register with DOH. Persons who manufacture or import fewer than five thousand non-deposit beverage glass containers within a one-year period are exempt from payment of the 1.5-cent fee but are still required to register with DOH.

## 3. What is the Hawaii glass ADF?

Manufacturers, importers, and distributors of glass containers must pay 1.5-cents per container sold in the state of Hawaii. The 1.5-cent fee is imposed only once per container. ADF glass importers, distributors and retailers may choose whether or not to pass on the fee to their customers, and whether or not to itemize the fee separately on sales receipts.

## 4. What are some examples of what is "in"?

| Item                       | Examples ( <i>not a complete list</i> )  |
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| Non-deposit beverage items | Milk, coffee creamers, yogurts, wines, spirits, liquors, concentrates, syrups jams, spreads, oils, extracts, cooking additives, sauces, condiments |
| Non-food items             | Fragrances, perfumes, nail polishes, paints, herbal supplements, cleaning supplies   |

5. What are some examples of what is “out”?

| Item  | Examples <i>(not a complete list)</i>   |
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| <b>Deposit beverage items</b>                                 | Beer, ales, mixed spirits, mixed wines, tea, coffee drinks regardless of dairy-derived product content, soda, or non-carbonated water, juices, and all nonalcoholic drinks in liquid form and intended for internal human consumption that is contained in a deposit beverage container |
| <b>Specific items exempted by §342G-82(a), HRS</b>            | Drinking glasses, cups, bowls, plates, ashtrays, and similar tempered glass containers  |
| <b>Specific glass containers exempted by §342G-85(c), HRS</b> | Any empty, imported glass container designed to hold not more than two and one-half fluid ounces of a product meant for human consumption shall be exempt from the fee.   |

**Definition of *Glass Container Importer* and *Import* in law**

**Glass Container Importer**

Means any person who is engaged in the manufacture of glass containers within the State or who imports glass containers from outside the State for sale or use within the State. The term includes federal agencies and military distributors, but does not include airlines and shipping companies that merely transport glass containers.

**Import**

Means to buy, bring, or accept delivery of glass containers from an address, supplier, or any entity outside of the State of Hawaii.

