

Dear Beverage Distributors and Manufacturers:

Effective July 1, 2022, Act 177 allows retail sale of Ready-To-Drink (RTD) spirits beverages and decreases the deposit on these containers from \$0.15/container to \$0.05/container.

10 V.S.A. § 1524 requires that all containers sold in the state must be properly labelled with deposit information. However, during this transition, it is unlikely that many of the major RTD spirits beverage brands will have properly labeled containers by the effective date of July 1, 2022. In addition, both containers purchased before and after the July 1 implementation date will have the \$0.15 deposit embossed on the container, and there is no effective alternate means of relabeling these containers.

**ANR is exercising enforcement discretion with respect to the labeling requirement until January 1, 2023 to allow brands a reasonable period to sell existing inventories and relabel containers.**

Please contact Rebecca Webber at [rebecca.webber@vermont.gov](mailto:rebecca.webber@vermont.gov) or at (802) 522-3658 with questions about this letter or product registration.

Sincerely,



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