

Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

Producers checklist



You are a producer if you are:

- the drinks brand owner (if branded in the UK)
- an importer of drinks into the UK
- an online retailer selling the drinks for the first time in the UK to consumers in Scotland
- someone selling drinks in single-use containers that are filled and sealed at point of sale (e.g. a crowler).

What containers are covered?

- PET Plastic, aluminium, steel, or glass
- that can contain 50ml to 3 litres of drinks.
- been placed on the market by you on or after 16 August 2023

What you must do:

- **Register with SEPA** (either directly or through the scheme administrator)
- **Pay the registration fee** (if turnover is greater than £85,000)
- **Charge a 20p deposit** on each scheme article you make available for retail sale in Scotland
- **Arrange for collection of your empty scheme containers**
- **Pay a reasonable handling fee** to retailers and return point operators to cover the cost of the collection and storage at return points
- **Meet collection targets** (80% of items in the second year (2024), 90% in following years)
- **Refund deposits to customers** (wholesalers, retailers, hospitality).

You must also keep records for at least four years of:

- The number of items available for sale each year
- What they are made of (PET, aluminium, steel, glass)
- The number of items returned by wholesale or retail
- The number of items collected from each collection point and whether they were sited in a retail or hospitality business.