



# DEPOSIT-REFUND SYSTEM MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION

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- The modernization of the deposit system
- Producers' obligations
- 2025 Contribution
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- Members portal
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# Context setting

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## Who are we?

- Since October 24, 2022, the Quebec Beverage Container Recycling Association (QBCRA) has been the government-designated Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) for the deposit-refund system for non-refillable and refillable beverage containers.
- The QBCRA is responsible for the development, implementation, financing and management of the modernized deposit system, in line with the extended producer responsibility (EPR) principle.
- The QBCRA acts on behalf of the beverage producers involved in the recovery, the reuse, and the recycling of beverage containers in the Province of Quebec.

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## Deposit system modernization: Phase 1

### MAIN CHANGES

**PHASE 1**  
November 1<sup>st</sup>  
2023

#### **The deposit has increased to 10 cents**

- Most beverage containers are subject to a deposit (except for certain glass bottles of 500 mL to 2 L, which now bears a 25-cent deposit)
- Beverage containers previously subject to a 20-cent deposit have been adjusted to 10 cents



#### **All aluminum beverage containers are subject to a deposit**

- All beverages sold in aluminum containers from 100 mL to 2 L



# The modernization of the deposit system

## Deposit system modernization: phase 2

### MAIN CHANGES

#### PHASE 2

March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

#### All beverage containers are subject to a deposit

- All beverage containers already subject to a deposit before March 1, 2025 (metal, plastic, and glass).
- All ready-to-drink beverage containers between 100 mL and 2 L in plastic, glass, and multi-layer cartons:
  - Example: wine, cider, and spirit bottles.
  - Example: water bottles.
  - Example: milk or juice cartons.
- The second phase, effective March 1, 2025, aims to expand to all ready-to-drink beverage containers between 100 mL and 2 L, representing an increase of 2.5 billion containers.



# Deposit amounts as of March 1, 2025

- For any sale of the products covered, producers must charge the amount of the deposit. This amount must appear on a separate line of the invoice.

Types of returnable containers	Format	Example(s)	Deposit
Aluminum	100 mL to 2 L	All beverage containers	0,10 \$
Plastic (PET)	100 mL to 2 L	All beverage containers Ex: Soft drink, water, sparkling water	0,10 \$
Single and multiple use glass containers and other breakable material	100 mL to 499 mL	All beverage containers Ex: Beer/soft drink and other alcoholic beverage	0,10 \$
Single and multiple use glass containers and other breakable material	500 mL to 2 L	All beverage containers Ex: Beer/soft drink and other alcoholic beverages	0,25 \$
Multi-layer beverage containers	100 mL to 2 L	All beverage containers Ex: Juice, milk	0,10 \$
Biosourced	100 mL to 2 L	All beverage containers Ex: Plant-based plastic containers	0,10 \$

# Producers' obligations

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The EPR principal

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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a principle whereby the producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of the products they sell.

# Producers' obligations

- Producers have the regulatory obligation to:
  - Become a member of the QBCRA (Art 137) and provide the following information:  
Company name, business number, address, phone number, name, and contact details of the representative.
- **Provide the list of products they put on the market (template available on the *Member portal*): product name, size, material type, product weight, barcode (Art 4 of the regulation).**

# Producers' obligations

- Producers have the regulatory obligation to :
  - Submit a monthly declaration of the number of containers (in units) of a product subject to the regulation that are marketed, placed on the market or otherwise distributed in Quebec (Art. 141)
    - This includes products used for promotional purposes or offered free of charge
  - Producers are further required to pay the deposit to the QBCRA for each container that they market (Art. 97)

# Producers' obligations

For containers put on the market :

- It is no longer required to affix the words "Consignée Québec". The inventories batches of such labels may be sold until the stock is exhausted
  - The generic term "Consigné là où la loi le prescrit" may be used
- We ask that producers no longer use plastic sleeves or labels on containers
- All containers sold must bear a UPC
- If a product is discontinued:
  - It will be removed from the member's product list. The product will remain in the database to allow its return by consumers.
  - It will no longer be reported monthly to AQRCB.

# Producers' obligations

Regarding sales outside of Quebec:

- All sales of returnable containers to customers located in Quebec must include the deposit;
  - Even if the products are intended to be exported out of the province.
- Members can claim a refund for the deposit paid on products sold outside of the province.
  - A *negative* declaration procedure is in place for these situations.

# 2025 Contribution

# Contribution mechanism



## Producer Contributions

Producers may be required to pay contributions to the PRO, as mandated by regulation, to financially support the system

(art. 94)



## Calculation of Contribution

The required contribution is calculated by multiplying the number of redeemable containers used by the producer by a per-container rate set by the PRO

(art. 95)



## Amount per container

The PRO determines a base amount for each type of container, adjusted for whether the container is single-use or reusable, as well as other factors related to environmental impact

(art. 95)



## Transparency

The per-container rate and adjustments must be published and updated on the PRO's website

(art. 96)

# Contribution mechanism



## Internalization Requirement

Per-container contributions, if included in the sale price, must be internalized when the product is commercialized, marketed, or distributed

(art. 98)



## Optional Visibility

Producers may choose to make the internalized cost visible. If they do, retailers and others offering the product for sale can also opt to display this amount

(art. 98)



## Role Clarification

The QBCRA is not responsible nor involved in the relationship between producers and retailers regarding the visibility of per-container contributions



## Compliance

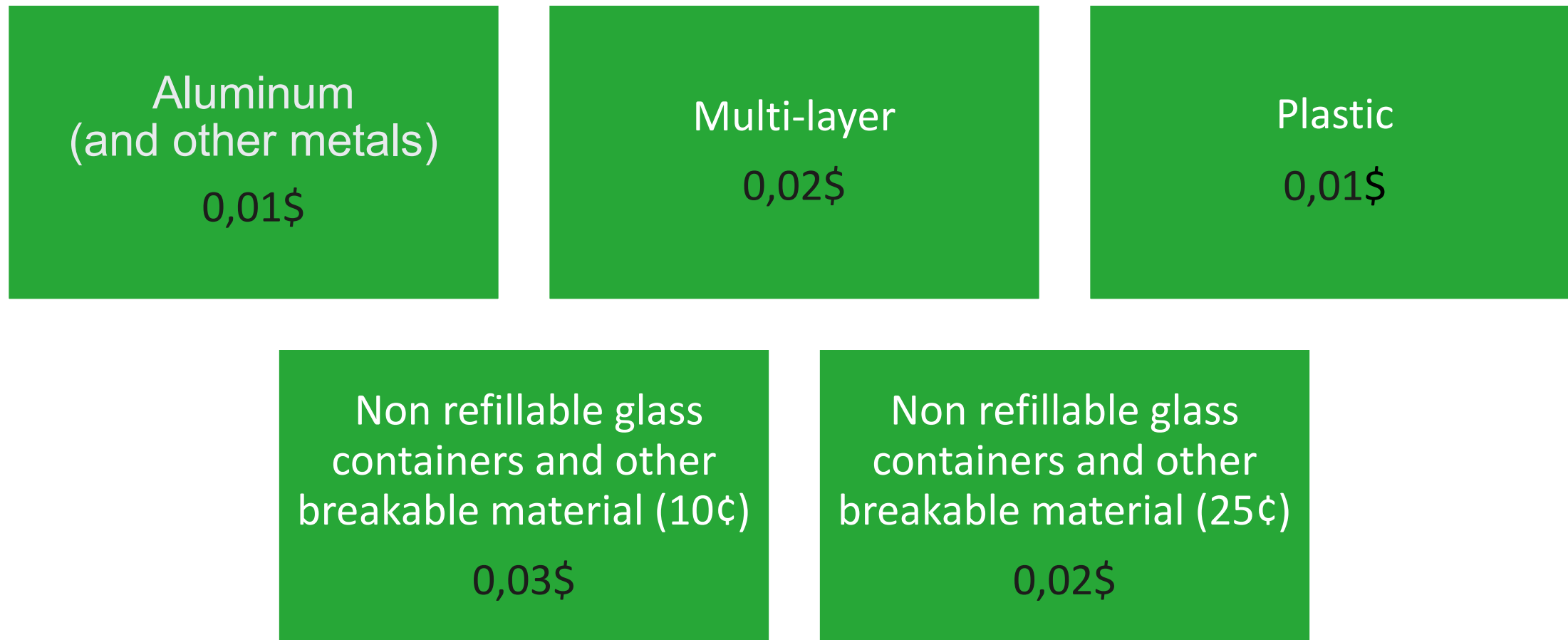
Compliance with the Consumer Protection Act's total price display requirement remains mandatory in all cases

# Proposed mechanics in relation to section 98

## Producer's invoice to retailers

Product A:	0,99 \$
Amount used to ensure the recovery and reclamation of product A (consignaction.ca)	0,01 \$
<b>Sub-Total Product A:</b>	<b>1,00 \$</b>
Taxes (excluding deposit)	0,15 \$
Deposit	0,10 \$
<b>Total invoice:</b>	<b>1,25 \$</b>

# Contribution per material 2025\*



# 2025 Contribution

Two main cost drivers will influence the value of the contribution:

- The recovery rate of the type of container
- The value of the deposit associated with this container

# Contributions made by members

## Deposit-refund system financials

+ Sales deposit collected

- (Sales deposit reimbursed for returned containers)

### **Deposit-refund system surplus before operational expenses**

+Value of raw materials

+Other revenues

-(Cost of operating return sites)

-(Transportation and material conditioning costs)

-(Administration fees)

-(Awareness programs)

### **Net Deposit-Refund System Surplus (Deficit) before contributions from members**

# Banking informations QBCRA

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## Banking informations starting novembre 1st 2024

<b>Transit number:</b>	<b>00011</b>
<b>Bank number (BMO):</b>	<b>001</b>
<b>Bank account number:</b>	<b>1856373</b>
<b>Supplier Name:</b>	Association québécoise de récupération des contenants de boissons (AQRCB)
<b>Address :</b>	3100 boul. de la Côte-Vertu, Bureau 500 Montréal, Québec, Canada, H4R 2J8
<b>E-mail :</b>	<a href="mailto:recevables@consignaction.ca">recevables@consignaction.ca</a>

# Members portal

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<https://consignaction.ca/>



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## Information for members

Are you a beverage producer? This section is for you.

A "producer" is anyone who owns or uses a beverage name or trademark (for example, an importer or distributor) and has an establishment in Quebec.

Here you'll find all the information you need to take part in the deposit system modernization.

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The deposit  
refund,  
is the future



# Members portal



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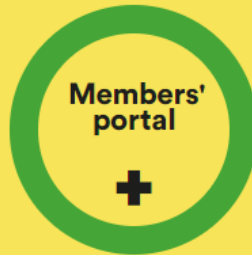
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MEMBERS  MEMBERS

## Members

**To register or log in**



**List of member producers**


(downloadable Excel file - Updated: 14/11/2023)



# Members portal

Login to portal

Français




Login

First visit ? [Register now](#)

Email address

Password



[Forgotten password ?](#)

Login

<https://portails.consignaction.ca/signin>

# Monthly declaration

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## **Who reports ? : QBCRA members (Art 141)**

- Producers, owners or users of a name or trademark domiciled or having an establishment in Quebec.
- The primary suppliers : Distributors; importers; wholesalers with an address in Quebec and whose products are acquired outside Quebec.

## **Who pays the deposit to QBCRA? :**

- QBCRA members who file monthly declarations.

# Monthly declaration

- Monthly declarations will be filed directly on the Members Portal;
- The form is available between the 10th and 15th of each month.
- Declare the amounts of targeted refundable containers marketed during the previous month.
- Declare units, **NOT** in a number of cases.
- Declare by types of containers.
- The reimbursement of the deposit is due at the same time.



# Monthly declaration

Declarations are made in the section Declaration management > Declarations

The screenshot displays the consignaction user interface. On the left sidebar, the 'DECLARATION MANAGEMENT' section is expanded, and the 'Declarations' option is highlighted with a red circle. The main content area, titled 'My Declarations', features a green '+ Create new declaration' button, also circled in red. Below this button, there are pagination controls showing 'Page 1 of 1' and 'Items per page 10'. A table with a green header contains one row of data:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Reference No	Period
<input type="checkbox"/>	DM0003658	September 2024

# Monthly declaration

Sales are filed by the type of container.

Container (material and format)	Quantity	Deposit (¢)	Contribution	Subtotal (\$)
Metal – 100 ml to 450 ml	<input type="text"/>	10¢	0.01\$	0.00\$
Metal – 451 ml to 2 L	<input type="text"/>	10¢	0.01\$	0.00\$
Plastic – 100 ml to 1 L	<input type="text"/>	10¢	0.01\$	0.00\$
Plastic – 1,01 L to 2 L	<input type="text"/>	10¢	0.01\$	0.00\$
Glass – 100 ml to 499 ml	<input type="text"/>	10¢	0.03\$	0.00\$
Glass – 500 ml to 2 L	<input type="text"/>	25¢	0.02\$	0.00\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>0.00\$</b>

# Monthly declaration

## Summary

<b>Total Due</b>	<b>0,00 \$</b>
Collected Deposits	0,00 \$
Member Contributions	0,00 \$
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>0,00 \$</b>
Refunded Deposit for Recovered Containers	0,00 \$
Handling Fee	0,00 \$
<b>Balance Due (Refund)</b>	<b>0,00 \$</b>

# Company information

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File the company information, contact's information and manage users in the section Member > Contact information.

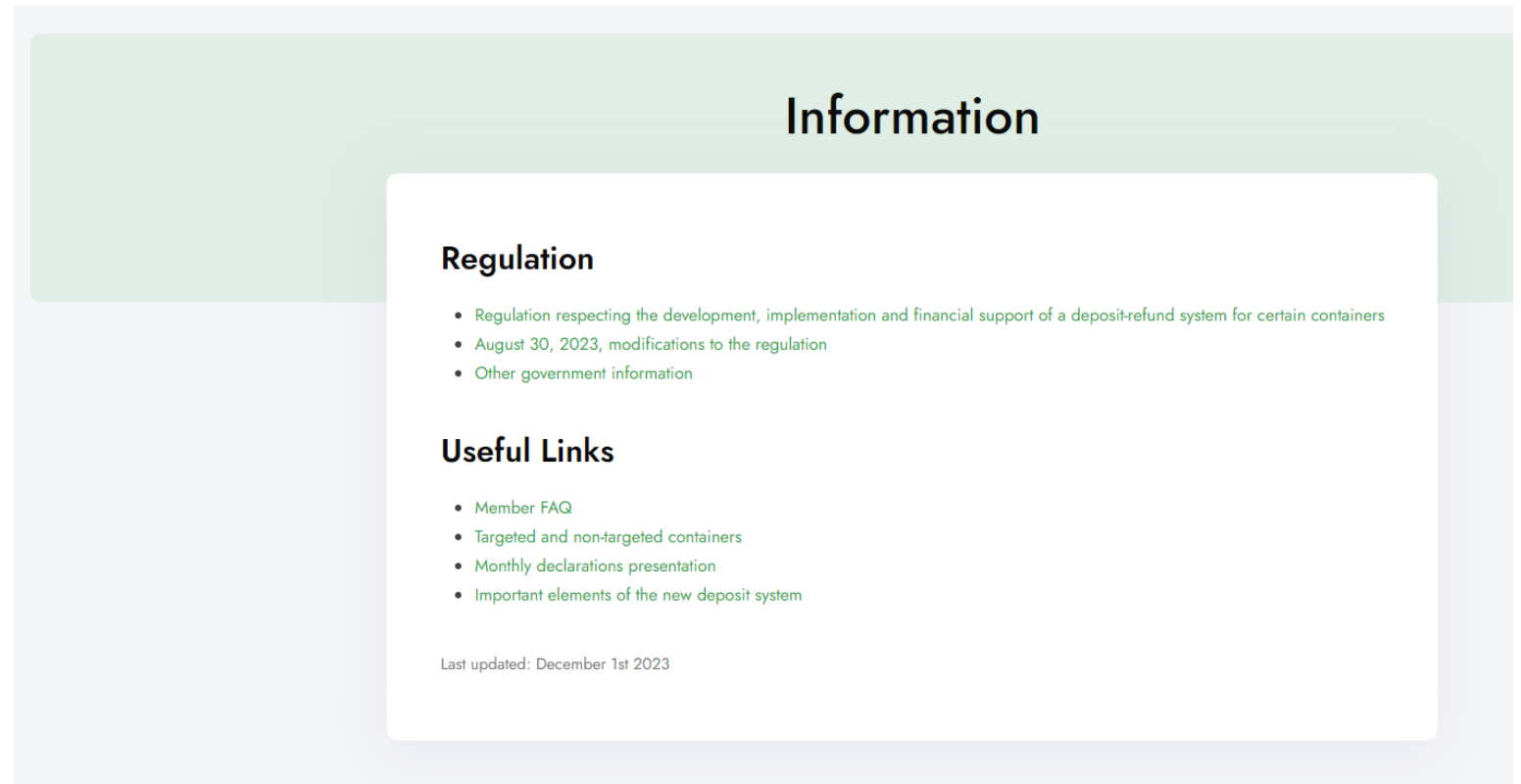
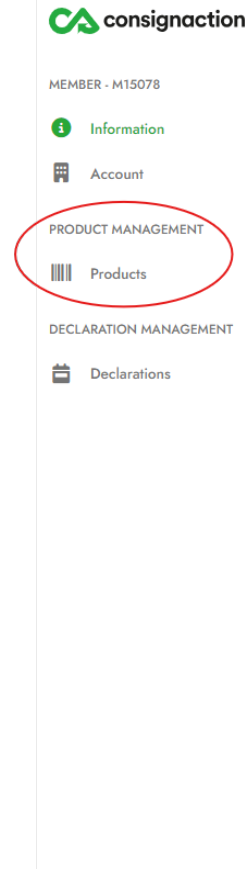
The screenshot displays the 'Account Management - M15078' interface. On the left sidebar, the 'Account' tab is highlighted with a red circle. The main content area shows the 'Details' tab selected, with a 'Save' button in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields:

Field Name	Value
Enterprise name or legal name *	Consignaction
Quebec enterprise number (NEQ) *	1177560894
Address *	3100 boul. de la Côte-Vertu bureau 500
Phone *	1-877-226-3883
City *	Montréal
Fax	
Province *	Quebec
Website	https://www.consignaction.ca
Country *	Canada
Preferred Communications Language	French
Zip / Postal Code *	H4R 2J8

# Product list

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- File and update your list of products (Art 139).
- The list of products can be found in the section *Product management* > *Products*.

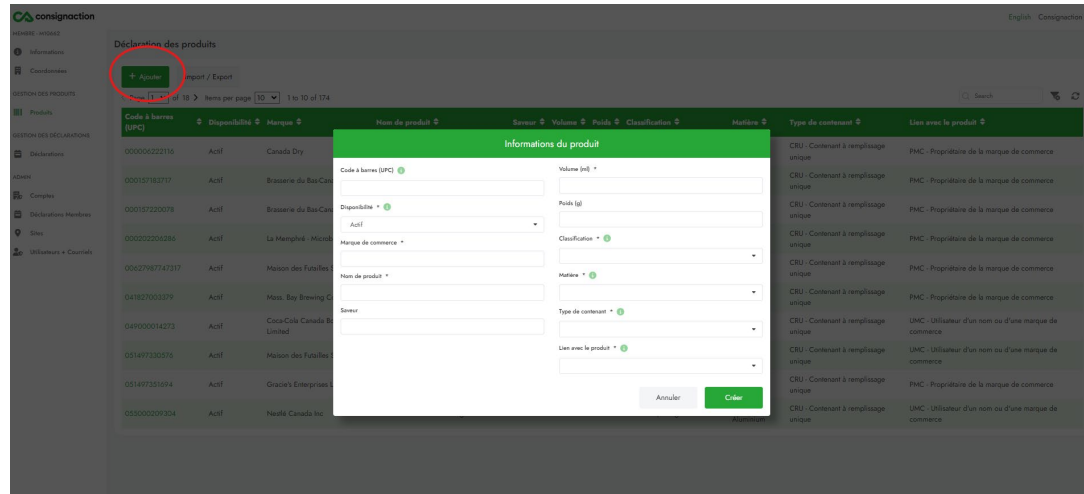


# Product list

## Two ways to import your products:

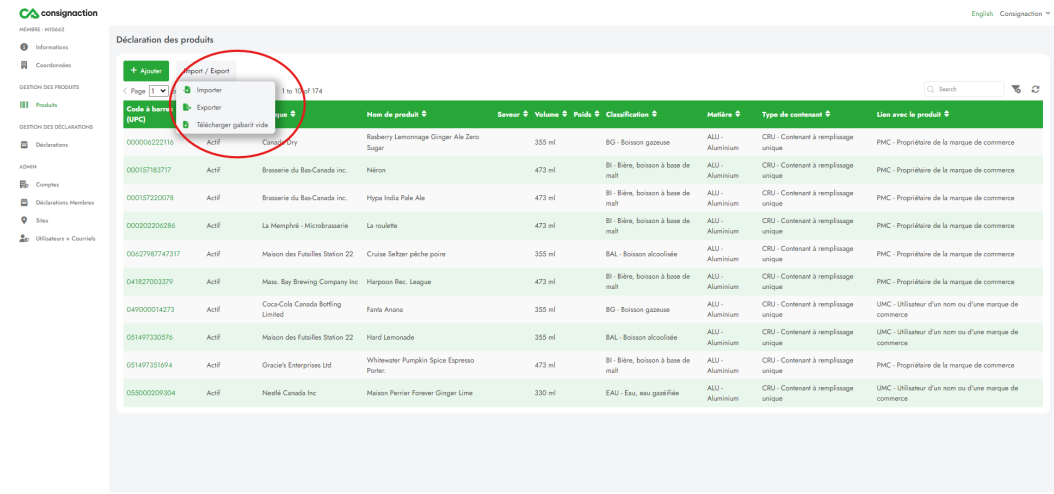
1

Add a single product



2

Import multiple products simultaneously



# Product list

- If you want to import multiple products simultaneously, download the template.
- This will allow you to enter all the required information for your products.
- Once your Excel file is complete, import your products.

The screenshot shows the 'Product Declarations' page in the Consignation system. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'Information', 'Account', 'Products', and 'Declarations'. The main content area displays a table of product declarations with columns for Barcode (UPC), Product Name, Flavor, Volume, Weight, Classification, Material, Container Type, and Relationship with Product. A dropdown menu is open over the 'Import / Export' button, with 'Download empty template' circled in red.

Barcode (UPC)	Product Name	Flavor	Volume	Weight	Classification	Material	Container Type	Relationship with Product
000001231003	Pepsi Cerise		355 ml		BG - Soft drink	ALU - Aluminum	CRU - Non-refillable container	PMC - Brand owner
000006221913	Canada Dry - CD Soda Ging A La Limonade Aux Fram		355 ml		BG - Soft drink	ALU - Aluminum	CRU - Non-refillable container	PMC - Brand owner
000006222116	Canada Dry Raspberry Lemonnade Ginger Ale Zero Sugar		355 ml		BG - Soft drink	ALU - Aluminum	CRU - Non-refillable container	PMC - Brand owner
000006793809	AHA		355 ml		BG - Soft drink	ALU - Aluminum	CRU - Non-refillable container	UMC - Product or brand reseller
000007811102	BlackBerry Ginger Ale		355 ml		BG - Soft drink	ALU - Aluminum	CRU - Non-refillable container	UMC - Product or brand reseller
00008753001	7up	Cherry	355 ml		BG - Soft drink	ALU - Aluminum	CRU - Non-refillable container	PFP - Quebec first product supplier
000157183717	Néron		473 ml		BI - Beer, malt-based drink	ALU - Aluminum	CRU - Non-refillable container	PMC - Brand owner
000157217184	HYP4		473 ml		BI - Beer, malt-based drink	ALU - Aluminum	CRU - Non-refillable container	PMC - Brand owner

# Verification program

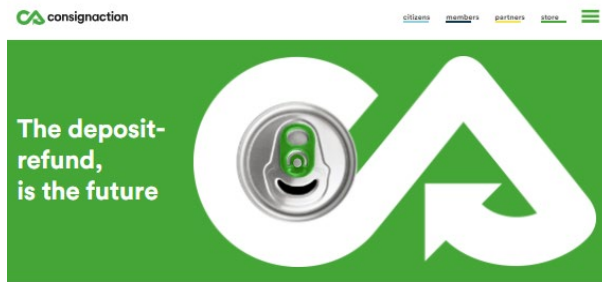
# Verification program

- Requirements to verify all members on a 5-year cycle;
- Verification performed by the Consignaction team;
- Our team will contact you and provide the documentation to be provided;
- The verification concerns
  - Accuracy of the monthly declarations ;
  - List of products marketed in Quebec ;
  - Information provided by the member.

# Where to find the information ?

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[www.consignaction.ca](http://www.consignaction.ca)



## News



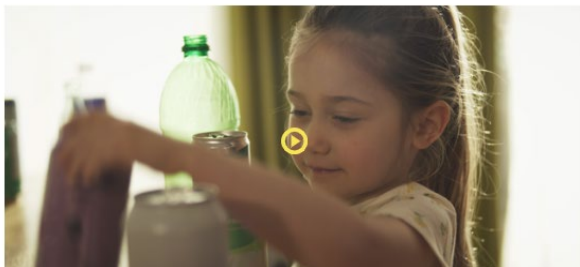
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deposit-refund is the future



APRIL 2024  
A new return sites network takes shape



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The deposit-refund goes to 10 cents



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# Question period

Thank you!

