

Grouping

Several retailers grouped together with a Consignation or Consignation+ return site, or a targeted retailer, which provides the service on their behalf.

Example of grouping possible as of November 1, 2023, everywhere in Quebec



Targeted retailer

A retailer selling beverages in redeemable containers with a sales area greater than 375 m² (4,036 ft²). This retailer is required to accept returns of redeemable beverage containers.

Grouped targeted retailer

A targeted retailer, e.g., a hardware store or pharmacy, that has obtained approval from the QBCRA to group together with another targeted return site.

Criteria for grouping

Certain criteria must be fulfilled for a retailer to be part of a group; for example, they must be located a certain distance from the return site, as established by the Regulation (regulatory radius) based on the local municipality's population density.

Prior authorization from the QBCRA

A retailer must obtain prior authorization from the QBCRA to be part of a group.

Obligation to post

A targeted retailer must post notice, at the entrance to their business, that they are a return site, while a non-targeted retailer must post notice, at the entrance to their business, that they no longer are.

Note: A grouping of this type is dissolved when a Consignation or Consignation+ return site opens in the area.