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VERMONT BOTTLE AND LABEL APPROVAL

What Should Be Submitted:

1. A statement from the bottle manufacturer/bottler certifying that the bottles may be refilled at least five times;
2. A copy of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) label approval form; and
3. One label for each flavor/kind and size to be sold in Vermont showing the VT 5¢ deposit message. This message must be easily visible and at least one-eighth inch type size. Liquor bottles are required to carry a 15¢ deposit message.

Why:

The State of Vermont enacted the Beverage Containers; Deposit-Redemption System in 1972 in an effort to control roadside litter. One of the requirements of the statute is that all glass bottles used in the sale of beverages¹ be certified refillable at least five times. In accordance with Vermont's Beverage Container Law or the "Bottle Bill", the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources adopted rules which further require that a copy of the BATF label approval form be submitted, as well as a copy of each label that will be used in the sale of beverages in the State of Vermont.

Note:

KEGS-Approval for labels to be used on kegs, half kegs, quarter kegs, or pony kegs is not required provided a deposit is charged to the consumer for use of the container and refunded upon return of the empty container.

Contact:

All questions and requests for approval should be directed to Cathy A. Stacy, Vermont Beverage Container Law Administrator, at the above telephone number or address.

¹"Beverage" means beer or other malt beverages and mineral waters, mixed wine drink, soda water and carbonated soft drinks in liquid form and intended for human consumption. As of January 1, 1990 "beverage" also shall mean liquor.