

DEPOSIT SYSTEM FOR SINGLE-USE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS MADE OF PLASTIC OR METAL

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOUR ARA DATA REPORTS?

A mandatory **deposit-refund scheme for single-use beverage containers made of plastic or metal** will be introduced on **1 January 2025** under the Austrian Waste Management Act (WMA 2002, Article 14c) and the Deposit Ordinance for Single-Use Beverage Packaging.

As you have to join a deposit-refund scheme for single-use beverage containers, you no longer have to include this type of packaging in your ARA data reports.

All receptacles subject to the Deposit Ordinance for which you participate in the deposit scheme are exempt from the obligation to enter a compliance agreement with a packaging collection and recovery scheme pursuant to Article 6a Packaging Ordinance 2014.

You are obligated to submit data reports on such beverage containers (including data on the share of recycled material) and pay the associated litter clean-up charges to the Austrian central body, EWP Recycling Pfand Österreich gGmbH.

Table: Containers subject to the deposit (please refer to the Deposit Ordinance for details)

CONTAINERS SUBJECT TO THE DEPOSIT	EXEMPTIONS: CONTAINERS THAT DO NOT CARRY A DEPOSIT
<p>Single-use plastic beverage bottles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Filling volume 0.1 to 3.0 litres - Made wholly or partly from plastic - Including labels, caps and lids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beverage bottles made of glass or metal with plastic caps or lids - Beverage bottles for foodstuffs for special medical purposes pursuant to Article 3(2b) Deposit Ordinance - Beverage cartons - Exemption for milk and dairy products pursuant to the Austrian Food Codex, chapter on milk and dairy products - Filling volumes other than 0.1 to 3.0 litres
<p>Beverage cans or bottles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Filling volume 0.1 to 3.0 litres - Made wholly or partly from ferrous metal or aluminium - Including labels, caps and lids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption for milk and dairy products pursuant to the Austrian Food Codex, chapter on milk and dairy products - Filling volumes other than 0.1 to 3.0 litres

Packaging to be included in the ARA data report (including the associated data reports on single-use plastic products, share of recycled materials, reusable packaging):

- All types of packaging covered by the Austrian Packaging Ordinance to which the deposit system for single-use beverage packaging does not apply, e. g.
- Single-use plastic beverage bottles, beverage cans or bottles made of metal placed on the market during the transitional period pursuant to Article 4 paragraph 2 Deposit Ordinance and not yet subject to the deposit
 - Containers for types of beverages exempt from the deposit obligation pursuant to Article 4 paragraph 3 Deposit Ordinance: Containers for milk and dairy products pursuant to the Austrian Food Codex, chapter on milk and dairy products
 - Other beverage packaging, e. g. beverage cartons or pouches
 - Other additional sales, secondary or transport packaging for beverage containers that carry the deposit, e. g. tray films, displays, cardboard packaging – please use the relevant tariff rate in accordance with the Abgrenzungs-VO (ordinance on the classification of packaging), product groups AT 03 Beverages
 - Extended data report for returnable packaging used in connection with deposit containers: e. g. EUR pallets
 - Other packaging

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Please note that no changes apply to the 2024 ARA data report

The reporting requirements for packaging placed on the market in 2024 (data reports to be submitted in 2025) remain unchanged.

Additional information:

- Austrian Packaging Ordinance 2014 (German only):

<https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=Bundesnormen&Gesetzesnummer=20008902>

- Austrian Deposit Ordinance (German only):

<https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=Bundesnormen&Gesetzesnummer=20012363>

- EWP Recycling Pfand Österreich gGmbH:

<https://www.recycling-pfand.at/>