

# Understanding Singapore's Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS)

And the implications for businesses  
from 1 April 2026.

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# What is BCRS?

Singapore's Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS) is the country's second Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) initiative, following the Singapore E-Waste Management System.

It was proposed in 2019 by the Recycle Right Citizens' Workgroup under the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

The scheme is licensed by the National Environment Agency (NEA) and operated by BCRS Ltd, which manages the collection, processing, and recycling of beverage containers.

The 7-year licence runs April 2026–March 2033, with a 6-month transition (April–September 2026) allowing continued sales of unmarked products. NEA grants up to S\$2,500 per producer (until Sep 2027) to cover product registration, producer fees, and scheme stickers costs.

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# How it works

Consumers can return empty plastic or metal beverage containers (150ml–3L) to one of the 1,000 Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) for a 10-cent digital refund (paid through SimplyGo/DBS PayLah!). Going forward, the plan is to increase to 2,000 RVMs within one year of implementation.



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# Goals & Reach

'Return Right' sets out to promote mindful consumption and recycling. It targets 1B+ containers annually, recovering 16,000+ tonnes of material.

As a result, there is less need for incineration, carbon emissions are reduced, and a more circular economy is achieved.

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# EuroCham's Circular Economy Committee's Perspective

"We are committed and preparing for the implementation of the Beverage Container Return Scheme. We look forward to continuing our close collaboration with government and industry partners to support Singapore's circular economy objectives."

# How does it work?

Legend : **Deposit Flow**

**Material Flow**

**Sort Empties**

