Export rebate protocol
Container deposit scheme

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1. About this document

This document is the export rebate protocol (protocol) referred to in the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 and the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (Container Deposit Scheme) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations). It sets out the methodology to be applied in determining the amounts payable to exporters under the Western Australian container deposit scheme.

Each export rebate agreement between an exporter (exporter) and the coordinator of the container deposit scheme (coordinator) in the form of the template approved under r.4N(5) (export rebate agreement) sets out the terms and conditions upon which the coordinator will make rebate amount payments to the exporter in relation to scheme containers used for beverage products in eligible containers (beverage products) that the exporter has exported out of Western Australia, and in respect of which supply amounts have already been paid.

This protocol only applies to exporters that have executed an export rebate agreement and should be read in conjunction with the export rebate agreement.

2. Calculation of amount to be paid

Each month, the coordinator sets, for each container material type, the price per beverage product sold (scheme price), for the purpose of calculating supply amounts to be paid by suppliers (supplier contributions) for each operating month. The scheme prices are also the amount that will be used to calculate the amount payable to exporters per exported beverage product.

In other words, the amount to be paid to exporters will be the relevant material type scheme price multiplied by the number of beverage products in containers of that material type exported, calculated separately for each material type and then aggregated to get the total amount payable.

Expressed mathematically, the amount $A_i$ to be paid to the exporter in respect of month $i$ is calculated according to the following formula:

$$A_i = \sum_{m} (N_{m,i} \times P_{m,i})$$

Where:

- $A_i$ is the amount to be paid to the exporter in respect of exports made in month $i$
$N_{m,i}$ is the number of beverage products in containers of material type $m$ exported by the exporter in month $i$.

$P_{m,i}$ is the scheme price per beverage product supplied in a container of material type $m$ for month $i$.

3. Review of protocol

In accordance with the Regulations, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation may amend or revoke this protocol when considered appropriate.