

Maine Bottle Redemption Program Commingling Information

Commingling of Beverage Containers

Beverage containers of the initiators of deposit in a given commingling group are sorted together, though they may still be sorted by material type, product group, and size – see [38 M.R.S. §3107](#) for specifics. Methods for allocating material, payment of deposits and handling fees, and pick up responsibilities vary across commingling groups.

Commingling Groups

All initiators of deposit must sign an operating agreement with an existing commingling group in order to comply with *Manufacturers, Distributors, and Dealers of Beverage Containers* 38 M.R.S. §3101-3119. Currently, there are seven operating commingling groups outlined below.

Special commingling groups: Special commingling groups are run by pick-up agents. Any initiator of deposit that is not a member of a commingling group can join a special commingling group.

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Qualified Commingling Groups: Qualified commingling agreements encompass at least 50% of the beverage containers sold in the state for a given product group, material type, and size; or consists of initiators of deposit that sell no more than 100,000 gallons of wine or 500,000 beverage containers of wine during a calendar year. If a group of initiators of deposit meet either of those criteria, they can become a qualified commingling group. Qualified commingling groups must permit any other initiator of deposit to become a party to the agreement on the same terms and conditions as the original agreement.

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