

Dairy Products, Milk & Milk Substitute Beverages

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Intro:

Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance has created best practice reporting tips for specific sectors. These tips are designed to assist you in preparing your steward reports and to help you identify the proper material reporting categories for the common packaging and paper products used by businesses in this sector. These tips are provided for your guidance only. Any questions you may have about these reporting tips or any questions you may have in preparing your report can be directed to stewards@cssalliance.ca.

General Tips:

✓ Reporting Beverage Milk and Milk Substitutes:

Recycle BC:

- Milk is not on deposit when milk appears as one of the first three ingredients in the ingredient list and needs to be reported to Recycle BC
- Milk substitutes (milk substitutes from vegetables, nuts or grains) are not on deposit and need to be reported to Recycle BC
- Ready-to-drink infant formula, dietary supplements and meal replacements are not on deposit and need to be reported to Recycle BC

MMSW:

- Milk and milk substitute beverages are on deposit in Saskatchewan and should not be reported to MMSW. This includes: milk, buttermilk, cream, fluid coffee cream, lactose-free milk products, drinkable yogurts, soy milk, almond milk, rice milk, coconut milk, etc.
 - Ready-to-drink infant formula, dietary supplements & meal replacement beverages are not on deposit and should be reported to MMSW
- ✓ Stewards may be able to use the Component Threshold Rule in reporting packaging that is made up of two or more different material types when certain components of the package constitute a small proportion of the entire package. Please see Part Two, section 2.4.1 of the Guidebook for more details on how to use the Component Threshold Rule.
- ✓ Please check the resin codes on your plastic packaging as different plastics are reported under different material subcategories.
- ✓ Please ensure that all HR-related documents and business cards are included in your report.
- ✓ Please include all secondary packaging that goes to the household such as the plastic wrap around multiple tubs of yogurt or the plastic wrap around multiple bottles of yogurt drinks.

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Dairy beverage bottles Examples include: milk, cream, meal replacements, shakes, coffee creamer, infant formula, soy milk, etc.	Container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gable Top Containers – Beverage - Milk and Milk Substitutes HDPE Bottles and Jugs < 5 Litres – Beverage - Milk and Milk Substitutes PET Bottles < 5 Litres – Beverage - Milk and Milk Substitutes Clear Glass – Beverage - Milk and Milk Substitutes Aseptic Containers– Beverage - Milk and Milk Substitutes Coloured Glass – Beverage – Milk and Milk Substitutes 	Where these containers are not on deposit, report bottle caps, rings and labels under the appropriate non-beverage material categories (unless using the Component Threshold Rule)
	Bottle cap and ring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Plastic Packaging < 5 Litres – Non-Beverage Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other Other Aluminum Packaging Other Steel Containers and Packaging – Non-Beverage 	
	Label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage Paper Laminates Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging 	
Single-use coffee creamers	Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other Other Plastic Packaging (not listed above) <5 Litres – Non-Beverage PLA, PHA, PHB – Non-Beverage 	
	Lid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Laminates – Non-Beverage Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage Other Aluminum Packaging 	

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Dairy products in block structure Examples include: butter, cream cheese, etc.	Wrapper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Aluminum Packaging 	
	Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging 	
Tubs and containers Examples include: yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese, cream cheese, margarine, etc.	Container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other PET Bottles <5 Litres – Non-Beverage Other Plastic Packaging < 5 Litres – Non-Beverage Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage HDPE Bottles, Jars and Jugs < 5 Litres – Non-Beverage 	
	Lid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other PET Bottles <5 Litres – Non-Beverage Other Plastic Packaging < 5 Litres – Non – Beverage Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage HDPE Bottles, Jars and Jugs < 5 Litres – Non-Beverage 	
	Freshness seal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Aluminum Packaging PLA, PHA, PHB – Plastic Film Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage 	
Dairy Aerosols Examples include: whipped cream, whipped cheese, etc.	Aerosol can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum Aerosol Containers Steel Aerosol Containers 	
	Cap & ring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Plastic Packaging <5 Litres – Non-Beverage Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other 	

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Cheese products Examples include: cheese slices, individual cheese servings, portioned cheese, gourmet cheese	Net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural and Synthetic Textiles Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage 	<p>Exclude from your report any packaging material made of wax as wax is not a designated material in any of the programs. Cheese casings made of any material are not designated.</p> <p>Report Natural and Synthetic Textiles in Ontario only.</p>
	Label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage Paper Laminates Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging 	
	Protective outer wrapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLA, PHA, PHB – Plastic Film Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage Paper Laminates – Non-Beverage Other Aluminum Packaging 	
	Individual slice wrappers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDPE/ HDPE Film PLA, PHA, PHB – Plastic Film Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage 	
	Tray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded Polystyrene – Food Packaging Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage Other Plastic Packaging < 5 Litres- Non-Beverage 	
	Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging 	

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Ice cream tubs Examples include: gelato, sorbet, frozen yogurt	Tub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging Paper Laminates – Non-Beverage Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other Other Plastic Packaging <5 Litres – Non-Beverage HDPE Bottles, Jars and Jugs <5 Litres – Non-Beverage 	
	Lid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging Paper Laminates- Non-Beverage Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other Other Plastic Packaging <5 Litres – Non-Beverage 	
	Freshness seal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLA, PHA, PHB – Plastic Film LDPE/ HDPE Film Plastic Laminates – Non-Beverage 	
Ice cream bars Examples include: bars and frozen novelties	Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging Paper Laminates – Non-Beverage 	If the stick is made of wood, exclude it from your report because wood is not designated in any province.
	Stick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Plastic Packaging <5 Litres – Non-Beverage Boxboard and Other paper Packaging 	
	Wrapper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Laminates – <5 Litres – Non-Beverage Paper Laminates - Non-Beverage PLA, PHA, PHB – Plastic Film LDPE/HDPE Film Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging Other Plastic Packaging <5 Litres – Non-Beverage 	

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FAQ:

Why are some materials designated in some provinces but not in others and how can I simplify my reporting?

The designated materials for each provincial program are determined by the provincial governments. To streamline the reporting process for stewards who report across multiple programs, CSSA developed a standardized WeRecycle Material List. Program Material Lists are also available, and the portal allows stewards to choose their preferred method of reporting (either national or provincial). Please note that if you do use the WeRecycle Material List, all the national material categories map directly to the program material lists

What do I do if I supply the same product to both commercial and residential consumers?

If you supply the same product to residential consumers and commercial customers, the PPP associated with the product supplied to commercial (IC&I) customers should be excluded from your report if the commercial customer never re-supplies the material to a residential consumer and disposes of the PPP through its commercial waste management services. Stewards must report all PPP associated with products supplied to residential consumers. Stewards must be able to demonstrate with auditable data that the PPP excluded from their report was supplied to commercial customers for their consumption and does not enter the residential waste stream. Stewards must retain supporting documentation regarding any exclusions as you may be required to substantiate the exclusion. Please note that PPP supplied to home offices is not a permitted exclusion. Please see section 2.3.1 of the Guidebook for Stewards for more information on exclusions.

Should I report the caps for my milk containers under Milk and Milk Substitutes or Non-Beverage?

In provinces where these containers are not on deposit, stewards are to report caps, lids, and bottle rings from beverage containers under the appropriate non-beverage material categories when not using the component threshold rule.

Do I report transportation packaging?

Where a steward supplies PPP to the industrial, commercial or institutional (IC&I) sector and the material is not disposed of in the residential waste stream, this constitutes material which is not designated by the programs. It can include corrugated or boxboard shipping cases, plastic pallet wrap or any other material used for the delivery of the product to a retail outlet but is disposed of or recycled through the commercial waste stream and is never provided as packaging to the consumer. Stewards must be able to demonstrate with auditable data that the packaging was supplied only to ICI customers and never supplied to residential consumers and was never managed in the residential waste stream. Stewards must retain all supporting documentation regarding any materials excluded from their report as they may be required to substantiate the exclusion of this material by providing auditable data upon request.