Recent Changes to CT’s Bottle Bill
Sections 22a – 243 thru 22a – 246 CGS

• Public Act 08-01 (November 24th Special Session)
  • Changes in §§ 10 – 14, effective November 25, 2008
• Public Act 09-01 (January 15th 2009)
  • Changes in §§ 15 – 16, effective April 1, 2008
• Public Act 09-02 (February 25, 2009)
  • Changes in §§ 17 – 22, effective April 1, 2008
Public Act 08-01
(November 24th Special Session)

- Defined “deposit initiator” as: the first distributor to collect the deposit on a beverage container;
- Starting 1/5/09 deposit initiators are required to open a special account and begin depositing the refund value;
- Allowed reimbursement of the refund value out of the account;
- Required reporting to DEP of:
  - Account balance, deposits, and withdrawals
  - Treasurer can audit; AG can enforce
Public Act 09-01
(January 15th 2009)

• Beginning April 30, 2009 depositor initiators must begin turning over the quarterly balance in the accounts (i.e., the unredeemed deposits) to the state

• Allows deficiencies in the accounts to be deducted from next due payment
Public Act 09-02
(February 25, 2009)

•Added “non-carbonated beverages” – water, flavored water, or any beverage labeled as a type of water
•Excludes:
  •Juices, containers 3 liters or larger, and containers made of high-density polyethylene - HDPE
  •Beverages consumed on interstate passenger carriers
  •Existing inventories prior to 3/31/09
•Mineral water is covered as a carbonated beverage
Public Act 09-02
(cont.)

• Allows for manufacturers that bottle and sell less than 250,000 containers to apply to DEP for an exemption, such exemption must be renewed annually
• Allowed for the Secretary of OPM to delay implementation of the portions of the act related to water upon application and a showing of hardship
• The Secretary subsequently granted a blanket delay until October 1, 2009
Implementation

• Account established and notifications sent in January 2009
• The first Deposit Initiators Quarterly Filing Reports were due March 15, 2009
• Exemption requests were due April 1, 2009
• The first quarterly payment of unredeemed deposits are due April 30, 2009
• All manufacturers, distributors and dealers of noncarbonated beverage containers must be compliance with the bottle bill starting October 1st, 2009
• Exemption renewal applications are due November 1, 2009
Information and Assistance

- FAQs and forms are on DEPs website at http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2714&q=324838&depNav_GID=1645
- General questions, compliance and redemption center issues Contact Jackie Pernell-Holiday at (860) 424-3241
- Submit reporting forms and payments to:
  DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
  ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE OFFICE
  79 ELM STREET
  HARTFORD, CT 06106
  860-424-4004
Twenty-four deposit initiators have reported that for the period between 12/1/08 and 2/28/09

- Deposits were collected on 233.6 million containers
- Deposits were returned on 143.5 million containers
- Overall return rate of 61.4%
- The value of the unredeemed deposits $4,567,874
Some Early Information

Less than half of those reporting completed an optional attachment collecting recycling information

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<th># Returned</th>
<th>% Returned</th>
<th>Recycle value</th>
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