

For producers/importers

Commencement date for deposit scheme on cans

From 1 April 2023, a nationwide and consumer-friendly deposit scheme will be operational for all metal beverage containers with a capacity of 3 litres or less. This applies to beverages intended for direct consumption. As a producer/importer, you are legally obligated to charge a deposit of €0.15 on these products. The aim of introducing a deposit on cans is to reduce cans in litter and collect the used cans for recycling, so that new cans can be made from them.

Deposit on plastic bottles

There is also a deposit on plastic bottles of soft drinks and water. Small bottles are subject to a €0.15 deposit, while large bottles are subject to a €0.25 deposit. Producers of PET bottles of 100% juice can register voluntarily. Plastic bottles of dairy, syrups and foods such as soup are excluded from the deposit scheme.

Producer responsibility

Producers and importers are responsible for the waste management of the packaging of products that they have placed (or will place) on the market. The rules deal with the (financial) responsibility of producers for their products in the waste phase, such as: collection/clean-up/transport/processing.

The individual responsibility is fulfilled collectively. This is done by the Packaging Waste Fund. Statiegeld Nederland is the implementing organisation for the deposit scheme.

It is the responsibility of the producer/importer to register for the scheme and to provide all article data correctly and completely.

Definition of Producer/Importer

Please note: as of 1 January 2023, the application of the definition of the term 'producer or importer' has changed. Read more about this [here](#) on the Packaging Waste Fund website.

Step-by-step plan

In order to comply with the legal guidelines, the following preparations must be made:

1. Register with [Packaging Waste Fund](#);
2. Register new products with [GS1 Netherlands](#). GS1 is the platform and the service organisation for sharing product data;
3. Request an account for the Producers' Portal of Statiegeld Nederland. Email the following information to info@statiegeldnederland.nl:
 - Trading name;
 - Official name as submitted to Chamber of Commerce (if different);
 - Details of contact person (the administrator of the Producers' Portal account on Statiegeld Nederland) name + email address + telephone number;
 - Email address for invoicing (if different);
 - Producing/importing plastic bottles, cans or both;
 - GLN number (registration number with GS1, if known).



If you are registered with us, you will receive your [username](#), password and [manual](#) about the Producers' Portal in SRN-pack from producentenportal@statiegeldnederland.nl

4. After registration, you will receive a SEPA Direct Debit authorisation form. Fill this in and send to info@statiegeldnederland.nl as soon as possible. Payment by direct debit is mandatory. You cannot participate in the deposit scheme without direct debit.
5. Record all article data in the Producers' Portal. Enter your products in your account. If you are logged into GS1, these are uploaded automatically and you just need to check the data. This must be done no later than **22 March 2023!**
6. Make sure that the mandatory deposit containers comply with the [regulations regarding the deposit logo](#) and are provided with a new EAN code.
7. If you have a different container shape, you must register it yourself with the Reverse Vending Machine suppliers (Tomra and RVM Systems). Statiegeld Nederland arranges this for the most common can shapes.
8. Sign up for the information sessions to stay informed and have the opportunity to ask your questions live. You can register by sending an email to info@statiegeldnederland.nl.

EAN code and deposit logo

If you place deposit scheme products on the Dutch market, they must bear a new Dutch EAN code and the deposit logo for cans or bottles. The Reverse Vending Machine can identify a deposit scheme bottle or can based on the EAN code on the container. To distinguish packaging without a deposit from new packaging with a deposit, a new EAN code is required. This means that the consumer cannot receive a refund for old containers, but can receive a deposit for bottles and cans with a new EAN code.

There are situations where it is impossible to modify the EAN code:

- Is a new EAN code also used outside the Netherlands? Then there is a surcharge of 20%.
- There is a 50% surcharge when the existing EAN code is not replaced.

The surcharges are calculated based on the number of containers that have been placed on the market. These surcharges will expire as soon as possible. For substantive questions regarding EAN codes, please contact [GS1](#).

Deposit logo

- The use of the deposit logo is mandatory on plastic bottles and cans that are subject to a deposit and are registered in the deposit scheme. The logo makes it clear to the consumer and the collection point whether there is a deposit on a container. Regulations apply to the use of the logo.
- Statiegeld Nederland does not give official approval on the label designs. This is your own responsibility.
- View the document '[Regulations on the use of the deposit logo](#)' and check whether the requirements are met by the containers for your products that are subject to deposit.



Material value

The producer/importer is entitled to an equivalent of the weight of the material taken.

- For larger volumes, the producer/importer can trade this itself. Statiegeld Nederland coordinates the transport to the specified destination (transport costs to be borne by the producer/importer)
- For smaller volumes, Statiegeld Nederland trades the material. The proceeds (after deduction of transport costs) are then settled with the producer/importer.
- Statiegeld Nederland periodically checks whether the stated weights of the containers are correct.
- As much as possible, Statiegeld Nederland trades the material for producers/importers to parties that can melt down the material according to the can2can principle.

Return transport

With a view to sustainability, costs and customer-friendliness, we try to use (partly) empty return transport of producers/importers as much as possible. Each party must fulfil its statutory producer responsibility itself. This also includes taking back the bags with empty containers from the market.

Transport is primarily provided by the large producers/importers, supplemented by imbalance transports. The costs of these are discounted in the producer's contribution. If it turns out that there is not enough transport available, other producers and importers are also obligated to help or to pay for return transport.

Producers of bottles and cans are expected to make maximum efforts to use return transport flows for the return of deposit bags (in low and high season). A cost-reflective fee is paid for this.

The efforts of all producers are monitored by Statiegeld Nederland. Parties who demonstrably do not take their responsibility will be charged the costs of the (unnecessary) external return transport caused by this. Of course, the (im)possibilities of individual producers are taken into account.

Periodic statement

You must periodically state the number of containers subject to deposit that have been placed 'on the market'. This takes place in periods of 4-4-5 weeks. For example, you will report weeks 1-4 in week 5. The statement must be made no later than on working day 5 after each period. You can enter this information via the Producers' Portal of Statiegeld Nederland.

Invoicing

After stating 'placed on the market', you will receive an invoice by email via Packaging Waste Fund. The invoice consists of two components:

- Deposit (€0.25 for large bottles, €0.15 for small bottles and cans)
- Producer contribution (implementation component, 1.4 cents per bottle, 1.6 cents per large bottle and 0.2 cents per can)



A direct debit is mandatory.

14 days after the invoice date, the money will be automatically debited on the following Monday. Any corrections will be deducted from the amount to be collected. If you have any questions about an invoice, you can ask it via s.nl@genpact.com. Genpact is an external administration organisation which is collaborating with Statiegeld Nederland.

The Waste Management Levy (system component, 1 cent per kg) and the SUP Levy (0.0023 cents per bottle) are invoiced separately via the Packaging Waste Fund.

Placed on the market

A deposit is levied on all products that are placed on the market in the Netherlands; this covers sales, but also includes sampling, for example. The first delivery (provision) by a producer or importer to the buyer/distributor/end user is considered as placing on the market. Before the moment of 'placing on the market', there must be a (written or spoken) agreement between two or more parties (the manufacturer/importer who supplies and the other party to whom the delivery is made); existing unsold stocks are therefore not yet considered to have been placed on the market.

Corrections and fines

- You always have to submit a statement. Even if you have not placed any products on the market in the previous period. In that case, you enter 0.
- Corrections can be passed on in the Producers' Portal so that they are processed in the next invoicing round.
- Repeatedly submitting statements too late will result in a fine.

Packaging Waste Fund speaks of a Waste Management Levy for more than 50,000 kilos of packaging per year. For packaging in the deposit scheme, there is no minimum volume of packaging for producer/importer.

Indirect export

When products from the Dutch market are imported for foreign export, the redundant deposit that has been paid can be reclaimed. The producer's contribution will also be reimbursed.

There is a 5% risk markdown for indirect exports because the packaging can still be returned in the Netherlands.

Auditor's report

Before 1 April each year, large producers/importers are obligated to submit an auditor's report concerning the previous calendar year. They do this according to a fixed protocol. For the other producers/importers, it is sufficient to submit a management statement before 1 April each year. See [the auditor protocol](#) for more information.

