

List of beverages covered by the Environment Protection Act 1993

The following chart should be used only as a guide to assist you in determining which beverages and containers are covered by the Beverage Containers Provisions of the Act (CDL). If in doubt, please contact the CDL Unit on telephone (08) 8204 1180 or email: epainfo@sa.gov.au.

In the chart below "INCLUDED" means the beverage is one which CDL applies to and EPA approval is required before the beverage container is sold in South Australia. EXEMPTED means the beverage container is not covered by CDL.

NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES			
BEVERAGE TYPE	CONTAINER MATERIAL	CONTAINER SIZE	
		INCLUDED	EXEMPTED
Carbonated soft drinks	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Non-carbonated, soft drinks including (but not limited to) fruit juice based drinks (containing less than 90% juice), 'sports' drinks, 'vitamin' drinks, 'energy' drinks, ready to drink cordials	All	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Water —plain, still or carbonated spring water, mineral water and any other water intended for human consumption	Aseptic packs/casks (made from cardboard and/or plastic and/or foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
	All other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Pure fruit/vegetable juice – means a liquid containing at least 90% fruit juice and/or vegetable juice	ALL	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
Flavoured milk — milk to which flavour has been added (milk being cow's milk or the milk of any other animal, soy milk, ultra heat-treated milk, low-fat milk, etc)	ALL	Less than 1 Litre	1 litre or more
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain, unflavoured milk • Concentrated fruit and/or vegetable juice intended to be diluted before consumption • Health tonic included on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods • Cordial (undiluted) 	ALL	NIL	ALL

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES			
BEVERAGE TYPE	CONTAINER MATERIAL	CONTAINER SIZE	
		INCLUDED	EXEMPTED
Beers/ales/stouts	ALL	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Spirituos liquor – a liqueur or other alcoholic beverage produced by distillation (eg: brandy, gin, rum, vodka, whisky)	Glass	NIL	ALL
	All other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Wine (straight wine) – a beverage produced by the fermentation of grapes that contains only grapes and no other beverages. Includes de-alcoholised wine (alcohol has been removed from the wine) but does not include non-alcoholic grape juice which has not undergone fermentation process.	Glass	NIL	ALL
	Aluminium	ALL	NIL
	Plastic	Less than 250ml	250 ml or greater
	Sachets (plastic and/or foil)	Less than 250ml	250 ml or greater
	Aseptic packs/casks (cardboard and/or plastic and/or foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
Flavoured alcoholic beverages with a wine base – any beverage that contains wine plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours. This can include (but is not limited to) fruit-flavoured wine, wine coolers, ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs)	Aseptic packs/casks (cardboard and/or plastic and/or foil)	Less than 1 litre	1 litre or more
	All other materials	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres
Alcoholic beverages – derived from fruit or other substances (cider, alcoholic lemonade, plum wine, sake etc)	ALL	Up to and including 3 litres	Greater than 3 litres
Flavoured alcoholic beverages with a spirit base – any beverage that contains spirituous liquor plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours. This can include (but is not limited to) 'alcopops', ready to drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs) and spirit-based beverages sold in casks	ALL	3 litres or less	Greater than 3 litres