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Report Highlights:

On June 9, 2025, the Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection published a request for public comments on changes to the Deposit Law on Beverage Containers. The amendment could impact U.S. exports to Israel for beverage products which would need to abide by new laws related to labeling, registration, and plastic container requirements. The publication is only open for public comment until June 30, 2025, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time).

A. Background

The Deposit Law on Beverage Containers was legislated in 1999 (hereinafter known as the "Deposit Law"). The law is based on the principle of "extended producer responsibility" which puts the responsibility on manufacturers and importers to finance the handling of waste generated from their products, with the aim of promoting environmental and distributive justice. The objectives of the Deposit Law, as determined by the legislator, are to improve the level of cleanliness in public space, reduce the amount of waste disposed of in landfills, encourage recycling, and promote the use of recyclable and reusable beverage containers.

B. The Purpose of the Publication

The proposed amendment for the Deposit Law is part of a comprehensive strategy by the Ministry of Environmental Protection, which aims, among other things, to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and to increase the extent of recycling and the prudent use of raw materials and natural resources. According to the ministry's policy, waste management arrangements should be based on the accepted priority order known as the "waste management hierarchy" as established in the European Union's Waste Framework Directive (EC2008/98 Framework Directive on Waste).

Regulatory updates are published for public comment before being incorporated into Israeli legislation.

C. Submission of Comments

This publication (which has not been notified to the World Trade Organization) is open for **public comments until June 30, 2025, 23:59 (Israeli Standard Time)**.

- To submit comments, users must first register on the [Tazkirim](#) website.
- Click the "Comment" button next to the document summary.
- Submit a response and attach up to three supporting files.
- Choose whether to make the comment public or private.
- Privacy settings can be modified at any time.

Commenters must specify their affiliation when submitting a response. The Israeli Ministry Environmental Protection reserves the right to invite submitters to present their positions. Please note that the submission of a position paper in response to this request implies consent for publication, as explained above.

D. Amendments with Relevance to U.S. Manufacturers

Registration requirement: A manufacturer shall not produce, or an importer shall not import beverage containers unless he has notified the Commissioner thereof by the date of commencement of his activity as aforesaid, in a format as directed by the Commissioner.

Labeling Requirement: A manufacturer or importer shall not market any beverage unless it has reported to the Commissioner the barcode displayed on the beverage container, along with the name of the product, the type of material the beverage container is made of its weight, color and capacity. The manufacturer or importer's report to the Commissioner must be done at least three days before marketing the beverage container for the first time.

Plastic Beverage Container: A manufacturer or importer shall not produce or import a plastic beverage container made of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) polymer unless it contains recycled material in the proportions specified below or more:

- (1) 25 percent – starting in 2026;
- (2) 30 percent - starting in 2030;
- (3) 65 percent – starting in 2040.

Testing for compliance with the provisions of this section will be carried out by a laboratory certified for this purpose according to the standard listed in the Deposit Law.

Connecting Lids and Plastic Beverage Containers: A manufacturer shall not produce or an importer shall not import a plastic beverage container with a plastic lid, unless the lid is attached to the container in a manner that is not intended to be removed during normal use of the beverage container.

For the complete set of amendments in the Deposit Law and a further explanation please see attached documents:

Attachments:

[Risk Impact Analysis - Deposit Law on Beverage Containers - Google translated.pdf](#)

[Memorandum - Deposit Law on Beverage Containers - Google translated.docx](#)

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