567—107.1(455C) Scope. This chapter is intended to implement the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 455C. The Act requires that every alcoholic liquor container, beer, mineral water, soda water or carbonated soft drink container sold in Iowa for consumption off the premises of the dealer be subject to a deposit of 5 cents or more. Such container must have indicated on it that the container is subject to a minimum refund of 5 cents or must be exempt from the requirement of having the refund value indicated on it. An empty container on which an Iowa deposit was made may be returned to any dealer in the state who sells the kind, brand and size of container or may be returned to a redemption center. The dealer or redemption center must accept the empty container and refund the deposit.

Iowa Code section 455C.2(2) provides in part: "A dealer, dealer agent, or person operating a redemption center may compact empty metal beverage containers with the approval of the distributor required to accept the containers." So far as metal beverage containers are concerned, such right of approval by the distributor would be meaningless if the dealer were required to accept and redeem crushed metal beverage containers from consumers. Since there appears to be no reason to treat distributors of nonrefillable glass beverage containers differently from distributors of metal beverage containers, there is presumably a corresponding right for the distributors of nonrefillable glass beverage containers to approve the destruction of the containers.

This chapter contains rules specifying the minimum size of type to be used for indicating the minimum refund value on beverage containers, rules relating to approval of redemption centers for beverage containers and rules relating to exemptions from labeling the refund value on beverage containers. This chapter also contains interpretive rules that clarify or interpret the statute or apply the statute to specific factual situations.
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