

567—107.13(455C) Refusing payment when a distributor discontinues a specific beverage product. A distributor, dealer or redemption center may refuse to pay the refund value and the handling fee in the following situations:

107.13(1) A distributor may refuse to pay the refund value if the distributor has given notice, in writing, to dealers to whom the distributor sold similar beverage containers and to the redemption centers served by the distributor and if at least four months have elapsed since the mailing of such notice. The notice shall state that the particular kind, size and brand of container offered for refund has been discontinued. This notice will be mailed not more than 30 days before the final delivery of the product.

107.13(2) A dealer or redemption center may refuse to pay the refund value of beverages discontinued by the distributor, in accordance with subrule 107.13(1), no sooner than three months after the distributor has mailed the notice required by subrule 107.13(1). In no event shall a dealer or redemption center refuse to pay the refund value of discontinued beverages unless such dealer or redemption center shall have posted for at least 30 days a conspicuous notice advising consumers of the final date of acceptance.