

# THE STATUS OF EPR-PPP AND DRS AROUND THE WORLD

Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and/or printed paper laws (EPR-PPP) and Deposit Return System laws (DRS) often go hand-in-hand. As a general term, EPR is a policy approach that makes producers legally and financially responsible for the end-of-life of their products, in this case, packaging. EPR for packaging programs often include single-use packaging, printing and writing paper, and/or single-use food service ware, although every program covers different products. EPR-PPP and DRS systems work in tandem to reduce waste and increase recycling. This factsheet depicts which states, provinces, territories, and countries have DRS programs, which have EPR-PPP programs, and which have both. Note that there is no uniformity among DRS and EPR for Packaging programs – every program is unique and may have a unique implementation process.

## DRS ONLY - FULLY IMPLEMENTED (26)

Australian Capital Territory, AUS  
 Connecticut, USA  
 Ecuador  
 Hawaii, USA  
 Iceland  
 Iowa, USA  
 Israel  
 Kiribati  
 Kosovo  
 Massachusetts, USA  
 Michigan, USA  
 Micronesia  
 New York, USA  
 New South Wales, AUS  
 Newfoundland and Labrador, CA  
 Northern Territory, AUS  
 Northwest Territories, CA  
 Prince Edward Island, CA  
 Queensland, AUS  
 South Australia, AUS  
 Seychelles  
 Switzerland  
 Tasmania, AUS  
 Victoria, AUS  
 Western Australia, AUS  
 Vermont, USA

## DRS ONLY- IMPLEMENTATION IN PROCESS (7)

British Virgin Islands  
 Curacao  
 Fiji\*  
 Guam\*  
 Jamaica  
 Turks & Caicos\*  
 Trinidad and Tobago

## BOTH DRS AND EPR-PPP FULLY IMPLEMENTED (23)

Austria	Manitoba, CA
British Columbia, CA	Netherlands
Croatia	Norway
Denmark	Ontario, CA
Estonia	Oregon, USA
Finland	Poland
Germany	Quebec, CA
Hungary	Romania
Ireland	Saskatchewan, CA
Latvia	Slovakia
Lithuania	Sweden
Malta	

## DRS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, EPR-PPP IN PROCESS (7)

Alberta, CA  
 Barbados  
 California, USA  
 Maine, USA  
 New Brunswick, CA  
 Nova Scotia, CA  
 Yukon Territory, CA

## EPR-PPP FULLY IMPLEMENTED, DRS IN PROCESS (13)

Cyprus  
 Czechia  
 England, UK  
 Greece  
 Goa, India  
 Maharashtra, India  
 New Zealand\*  
 Northern Ireland, UK  
 Portugal  
 Scotland, UK  
 Spain  
 Uruguay  
 Wales, UK

## EPR-PPP ONLY - FULLY IMPLEMENTED (15)

Belgium  
 Brazil  
 Bulgaria  
 Chile  
 Columbia  
 France  
 India  
 Italy  
 Japan  
 Luxembourg  
 Philippines  
 Slovenia  
 South Africa  
 South Korea  
 Venezuela

## EPR-PPP ONLY - IMPLEMENTATION IN PROCESS (6)

Colorado, USA  
 Dominican Republic  
 Kenya  
 Maryland, USA  
 Minnesota, USA  
 Washington, USA

\* indicates a DRS Program where a law has passed, but the implementation is delayed indefinitely

### NOTES:

- In EU Member States, EPR is legally mandated for packaging, electronics, batteries, and textiles.
- Because Australia's EPR-PPP (through the Australian Packaging Covenant Organization) system is not legally mandated, CRI has not counted it in the EPR-PPP categories.
- India's EPR for Packaging program is country-wide. Maharashtra and Goa are currently the only states with DRS being implemented.
- Switzerland's DRS requires that a deposit be imposed on beverage containers if the recycling rates fall below 75%. It is not currently in effect because the recycling rate is higher.
- Oregon's EPR-PPP program begins July 1, 2025.
- In Seychelles, there is no widespread program; a "Memorandum of Understanding" was signed between the government and two beverage producers, and have since expanded into smaller programs.