

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

BOTH DRS AND EPR-PPP FULLY IMPLEMENTED (26)

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

EPR-PPP ONLY - FULLY IMPLEMENTED (15)

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

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 (12)

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

EPR-PPP ONLY - IMPLEMENTATION IN PROCESS (6)

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

DRS ONLY- IMPLEMENTATION IN PROCESS (7)

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

** 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.
- Alberta has undergone Phase 1 of EPR-PPP implementation, with Phase 2 beginning October 2026, so it is not fully implemented yet.
- 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.
- 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.