

# 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 (22)

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

## 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  
Greece  
England, UK  
New Zealand\*  
Northern Ireland, UK  
Poland  
Portugal  
Scotland, UK  
Spain  
Uruguay  
Wales, UK

## EPR-PPP ONLY - IMPLEMENTATION IN PROCESS (7)

Brazil  
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

## BOTH EPR-PPP AND DRS - IMPLEMENTATION IN PROCESS (2)

Goa, India  
Maharashtra, India

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

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### 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 their recycling rates fall below 75% by weight. 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.