

Extended Producer Responsibility Models in Vermont

Product Stewardship Plan—No Fee on Covered Product

- Under this model, a manufacturer is prohibited from selling a covered product in the State unless the product is to be managed according to an approved product collection plan that meets the statutory requirements for collection and disposition of the covered product.
- The customer pays no fee at purchase or when the product is delivered to a collection point.
- In most cases, the manufacturer participates in a product stewardship organization that submits and administers the product collection plan.
- Vermont example: Mercury Containing Lamps, 10 V.S.A. Ch. 164A.

Product Stewardship Plan—Fee on Covered Product

- The same model as first model, except that there is a fee on the product, usually at time of sale.
- The fee is used to administer the collection program for the product.
- Vermont example: Paint Stewardship Program, 10 V.S.A. Ch. 159, subchapter 4.

State Adopted Plan

- The State adopts a Standard Plan for the collection and recycling of a covered product.
- A manufacturer has ability to operate under an individual plan approved by the State
- A manufacturer is prohibited from selling a covered product in the State unless they are registered with the State and pay a registration fee.
- The program is administered, including collection and disposition, by a contractor hired by the State.
- A manufacturer covered under the Standard Plan pays the State an implementation fee assessed regularly. The fee is based on the costs of the program and the manufacturer's market share.
- Vermont example: Covered Electronic Devices, 10 V.S.A. Ch. 166.

Bounty on Covered Product

- State law prohibits use of a covered product or advises or requires removal from where it is used.
- The person that removes the product and delivers it to a certain collection point receives a dollar amount or other consideration from the manufacturer per covered product delivered.
- Some programs require the State to approve a manufacturer's collection and financial incentive plan.
- Vermont example: Mercury Containing Thermostats, 10 V.S.A. § 7116.

Deposit/Return

- Manufacturer or distributor of a covered product must provide for the collection and disposition of the product from businesses that sell the product.
- A deposit charged to a consumer for a covered product provides an incentive to return the product.
- The manufacturer or an organization that the manufacturer belongs to pays the program costs.
- Vermont example: Beverage Container Redemption, 10 V.S.A. Ch. 53.